

# GEO-IDE year 1 emphasis: integrating NOAA's gridded data

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GEO-IDE year 1 emphasis:  
integrating NOAA's gridded data

Data sources:

1. NOMADS aggregation (courtesy of Glenn R.)
2. Time series collections (courtesy of Roy)

9:30-11:30PM !!

## GEO-IDE year 1 emphasis: integrating NOAA's gridded data

Themes of this demo (\*):

1. THREDDS XML as the basis for customized discovery processes
2. Flexible access to grids from browsers (LAS demo)
  - Multi-dimensional access, averages/variability/extrema, comparison ...
3. Segue to desktop access (micro-demo of Ferret)

(\*) Well, Powerpoint ... due to lack of WiFi and need for VPN

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# The NCDC NOMADS THREDDS catalog (html)

Catalog <http://nomads.ncdc.noaa.gov/thredds/catalog.xml> - Mozilla Firefox

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[http://nomads.ncdc.noaa.gov/thredds/catalog.html](#)

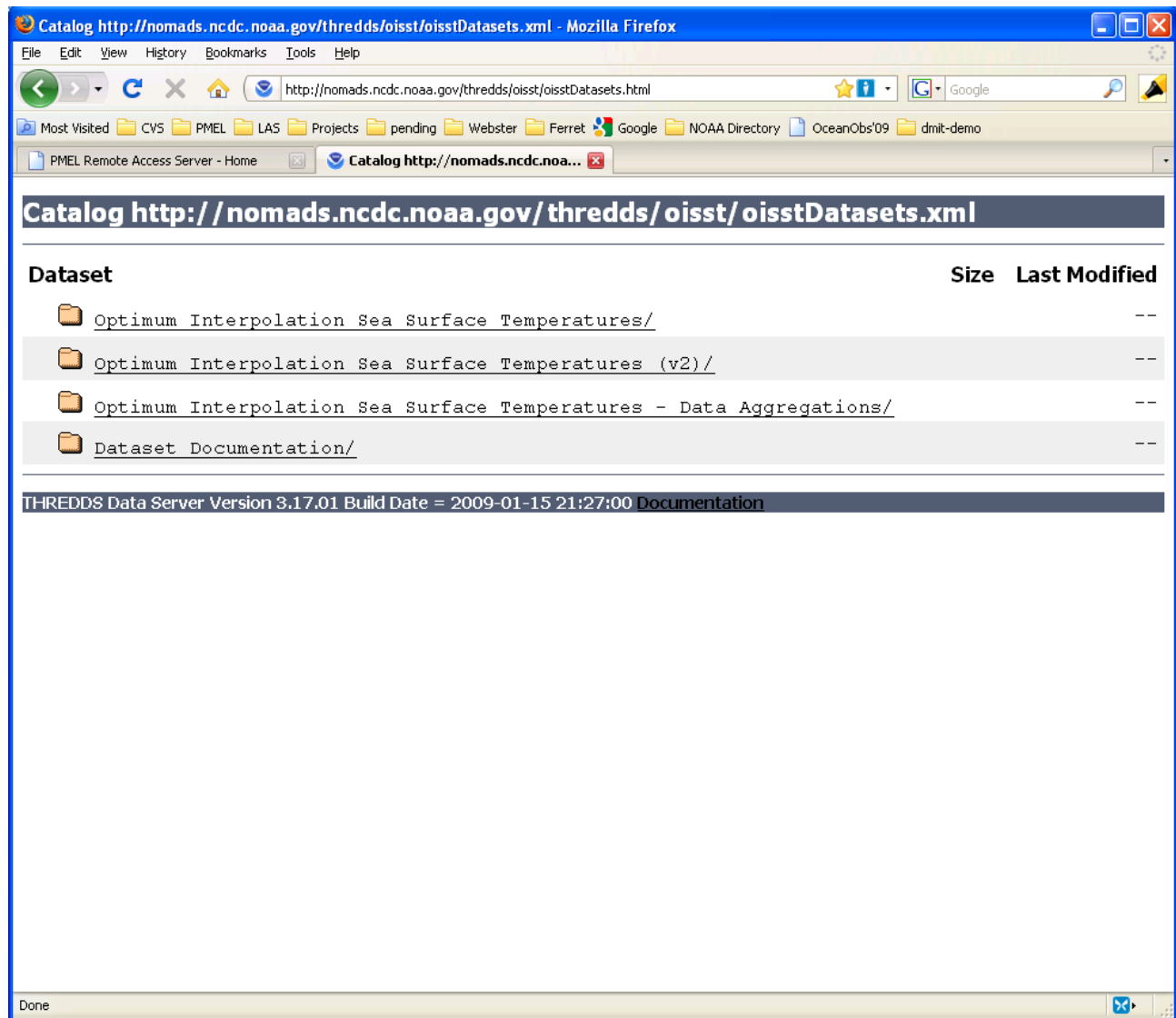
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### Catalog <http://nomads.ncdc.noaa.gov/thredds/catalog.xml>

Dataset	Size	Last Modified
 <a href="#">North American Regional Reanalysis (NARR)/</a>		--
 <a href="#">North American Regional Reanalysis (NARR) - CDC Monthly averages/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Global Forecast System (GFS3) - One Degree/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Global Forecast System (GFS4) - Half Degree/</a>		--
 <a href="#">NCEP Global Forecast System Ensemble 2 [2.5 degree lola. 21 members]/</a>		--
 <a href="#">NCEP Global Forecast System Ensemble 3 [1 degree lola. 21 members]/</a>		--
 <a href="#">North American Mesoscale (NAM218) - 12 Km CONUS/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Rapid Update Cycle (RUC252) - 20 Km CONUS/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Rapid Update Cycle (RUC130) - 13km/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Paleoclimate/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Service Records Retention System (SRRS/NWS) - GRIB Products /</a>		--
 <a href="#">Staged NOMADS data requests/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Legacy NOAAPort ETA Model (2003-2005)/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Legacy NOAAPort GFS-AVN Model (2003-2005)/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Blended Ocean Winds/</a>		--
 <a href="#">Smith-Reynolds Optimum Interpolation Sea Surface Temperatures/</a>		--

Done



# Building a catalog from a THREDDS tree (in LAS)

addXML.sh -t

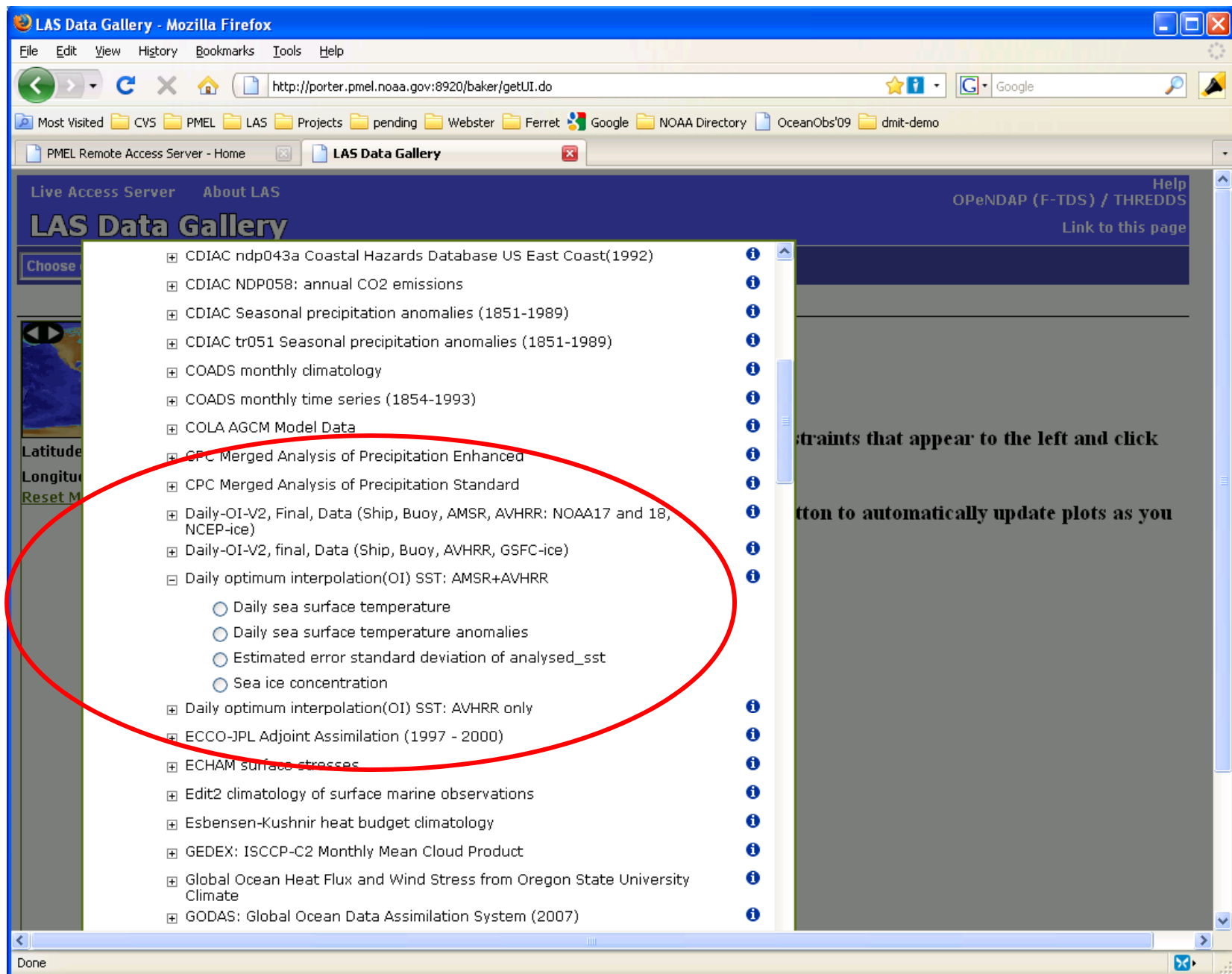
<http://nomads.ncdc.noaa.gov/thredds/oisst/oisstAggs.xml>

The addXML utility crawls the THREDDS catalog and extracts dataset “metadata”  
(sorry, Ted) into the LAS configuration:

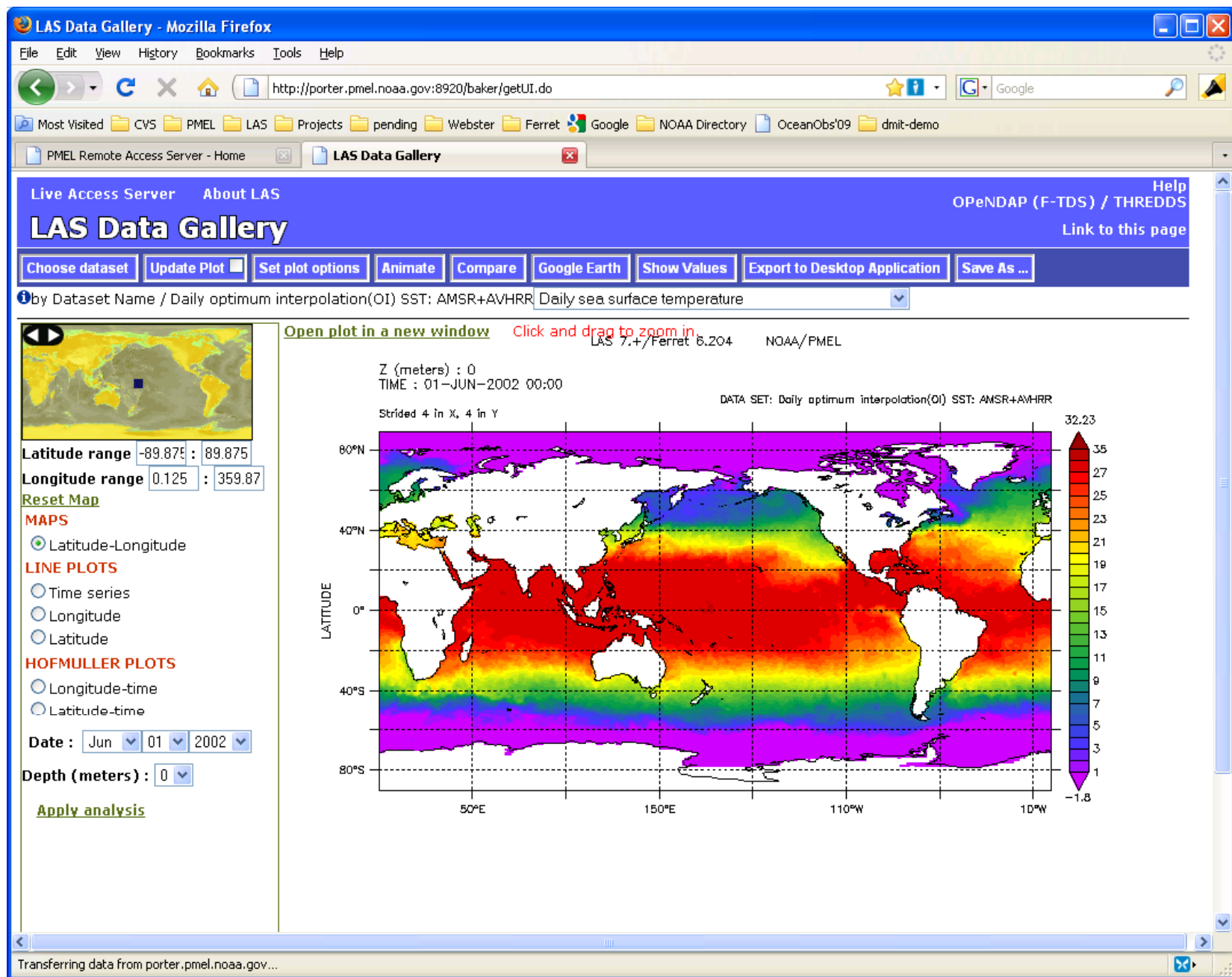
Variables, units, grid coordinate systems

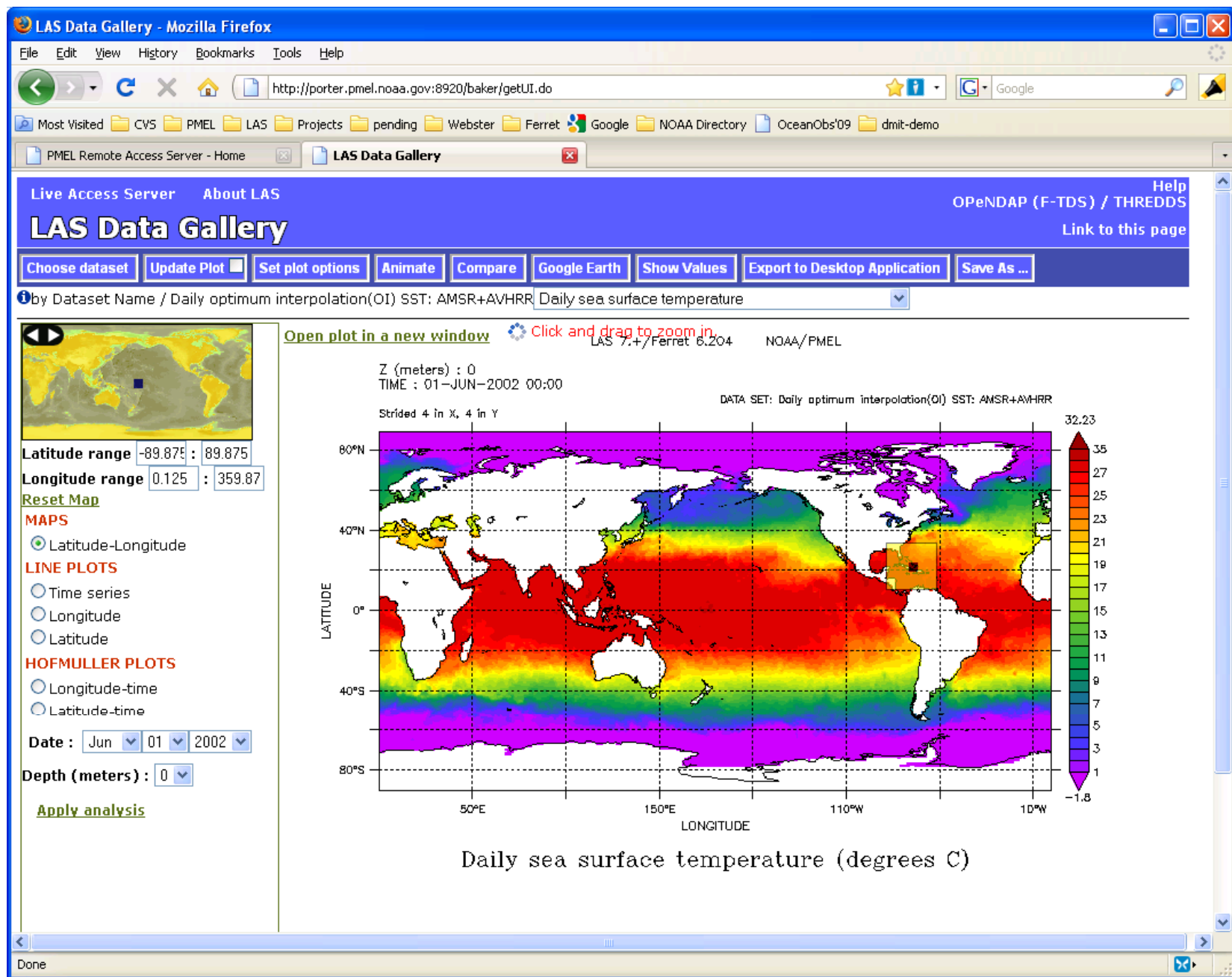
# Reality Check

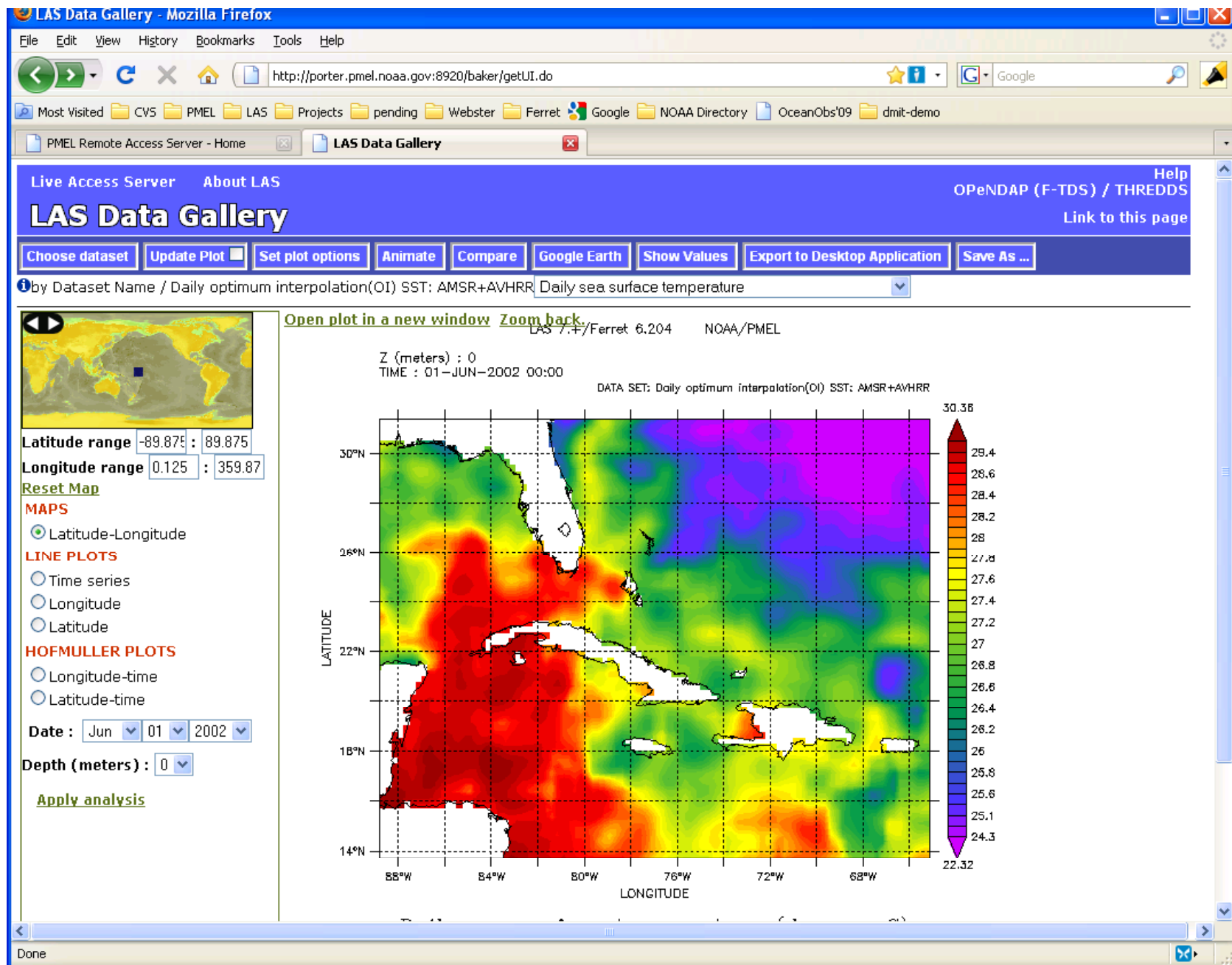
- The sub-catalog contained some data sets we were not interested in so we edited them out.
- A couple of the aggregations had problems with their metadata, so we fixed the configuration by hand and emailed the provider.
  - or could have used NcML to make the repairs

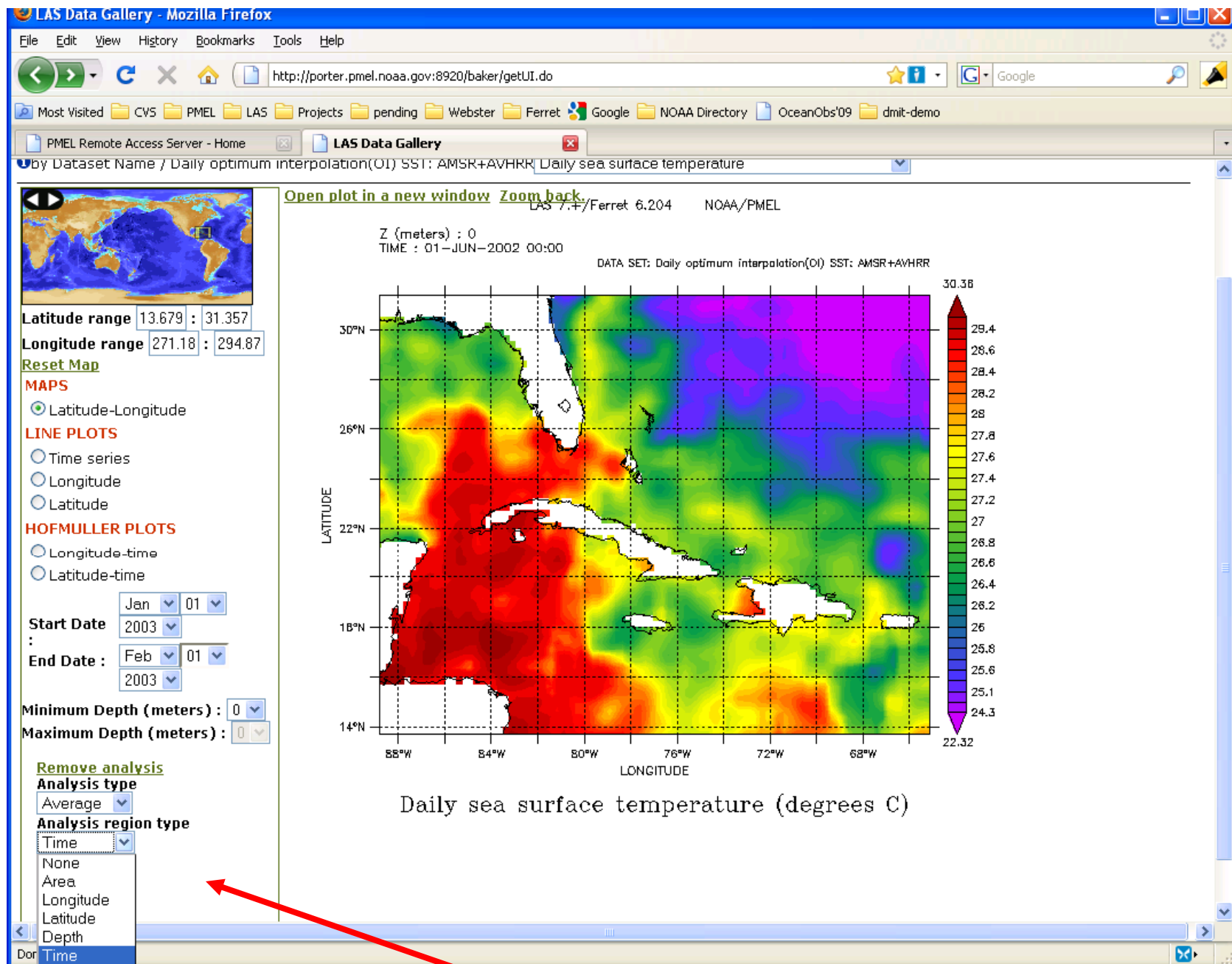


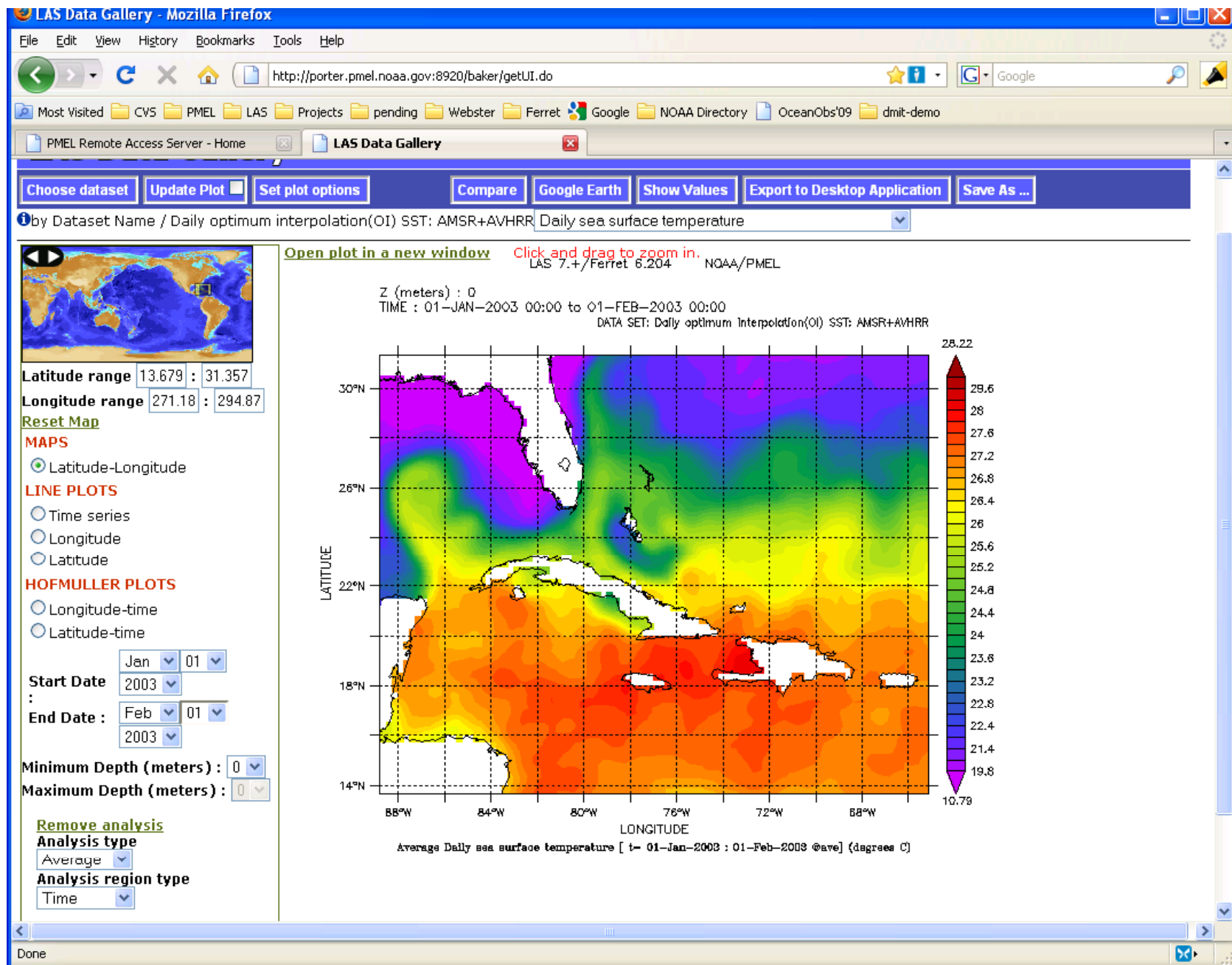


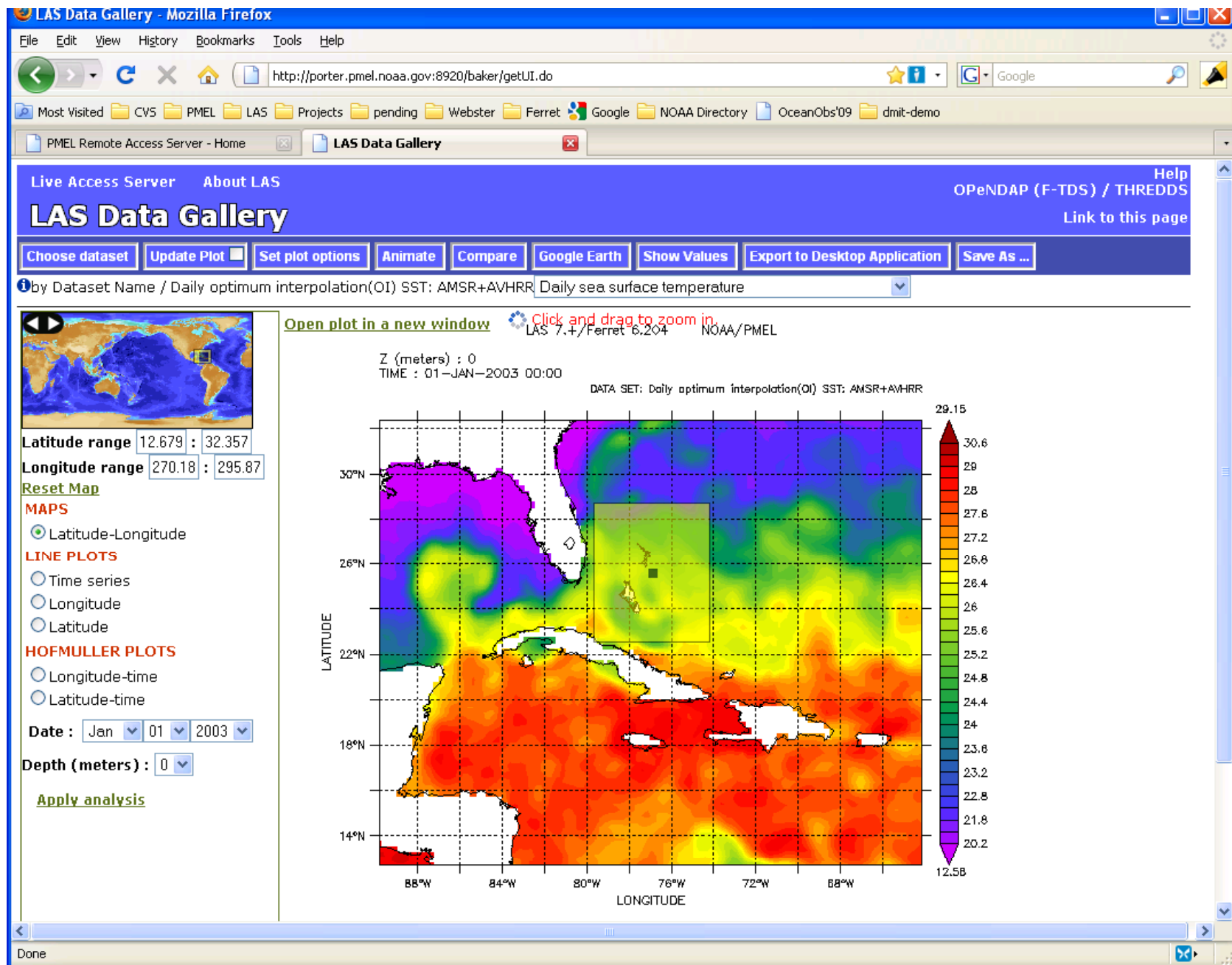




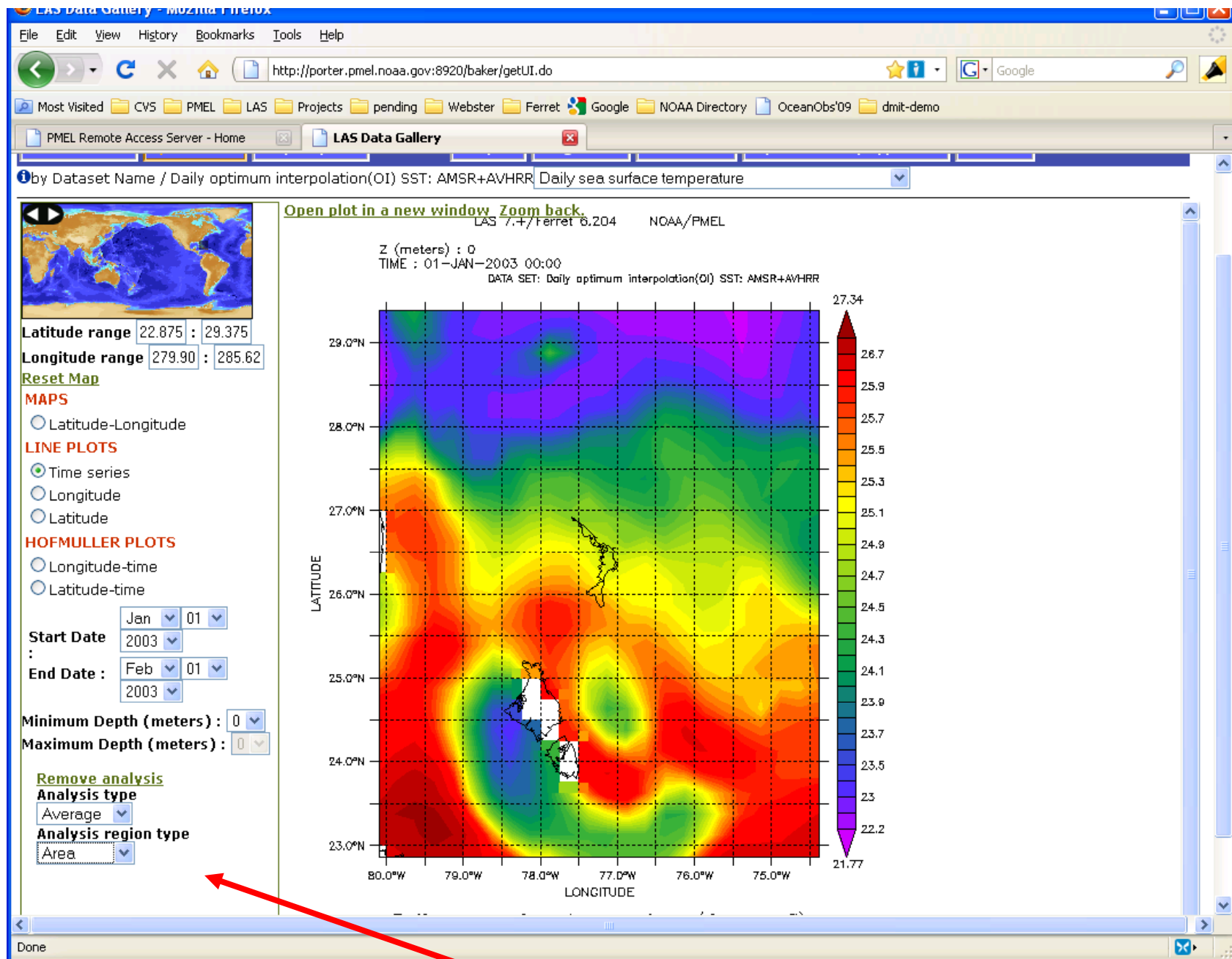


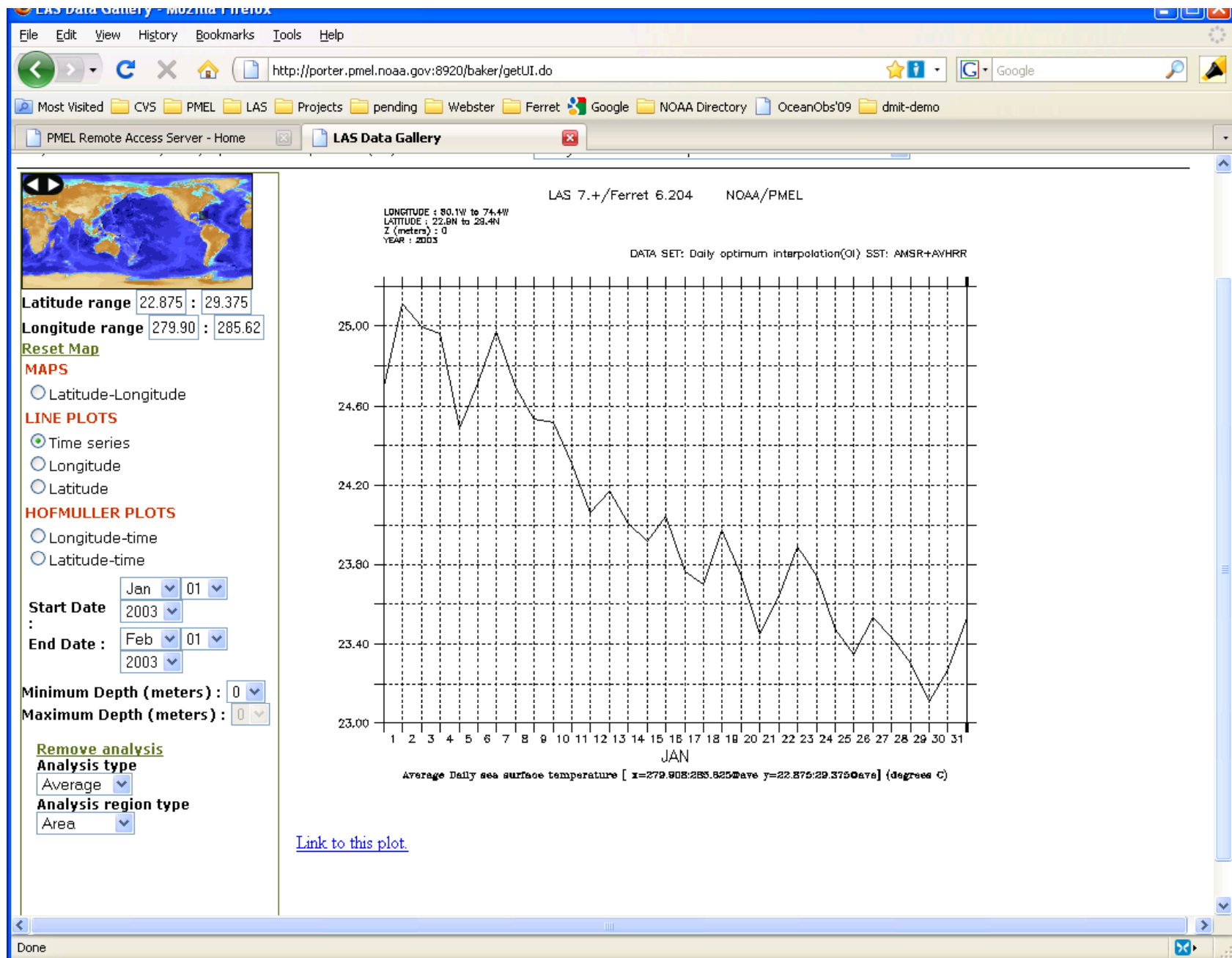




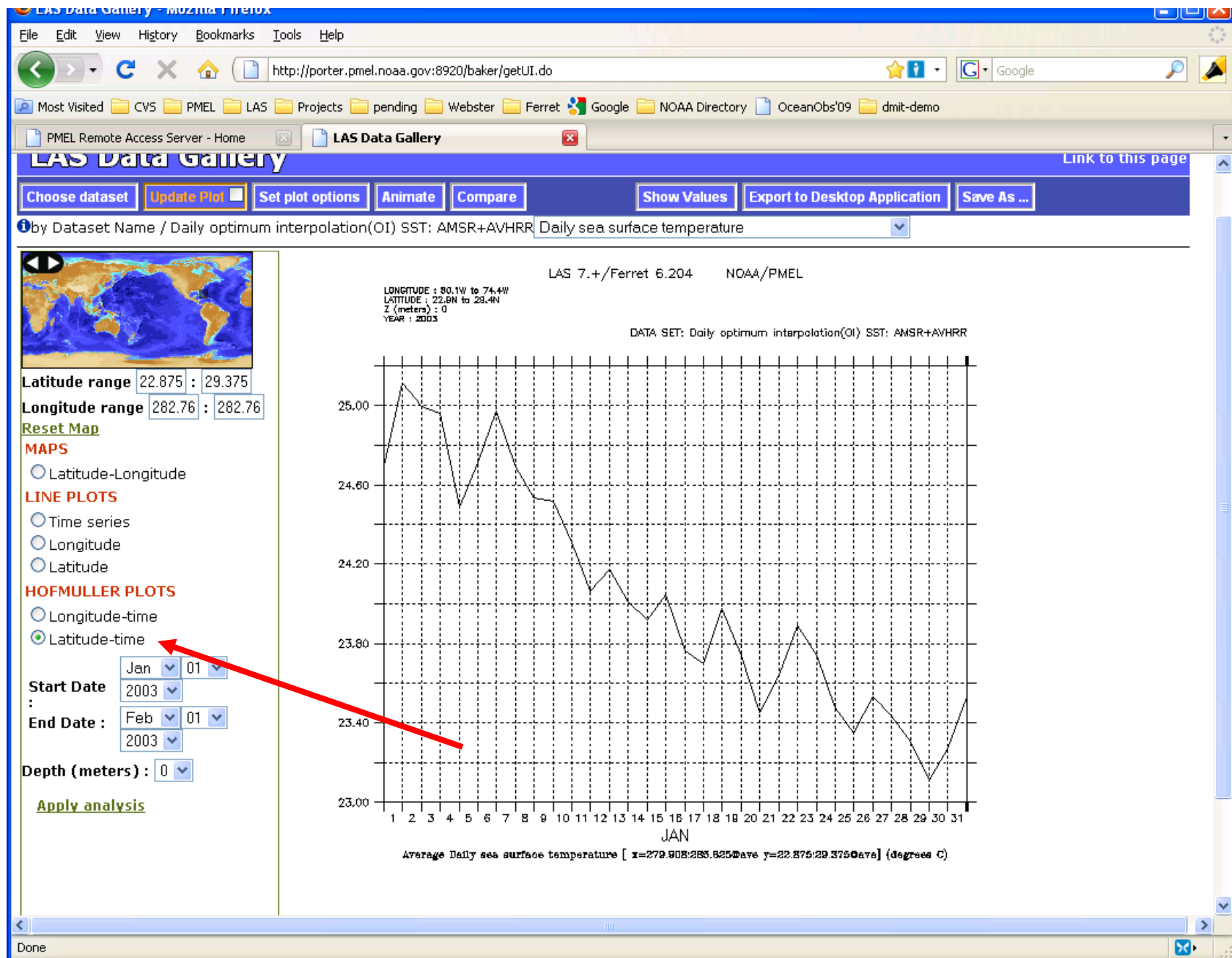


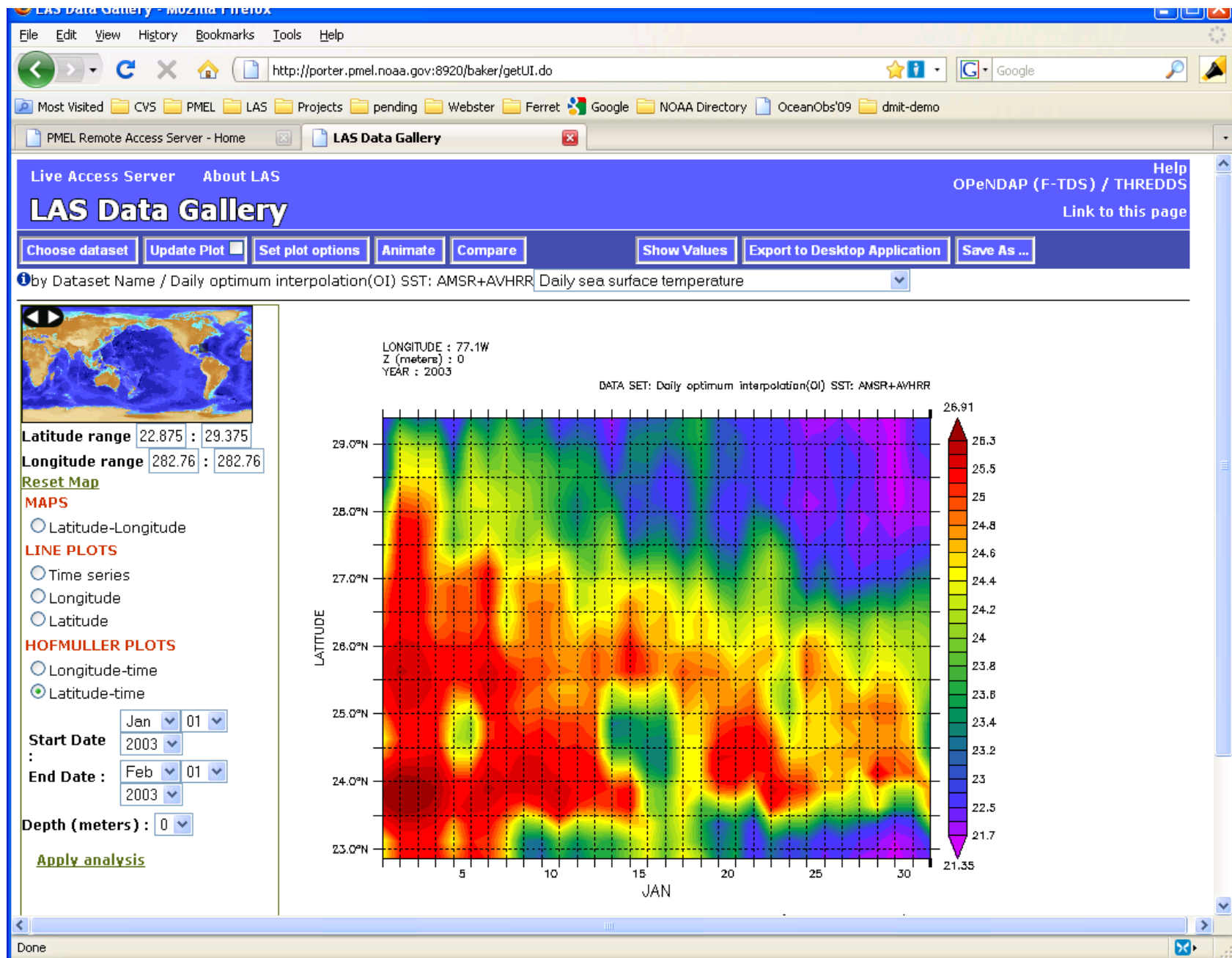


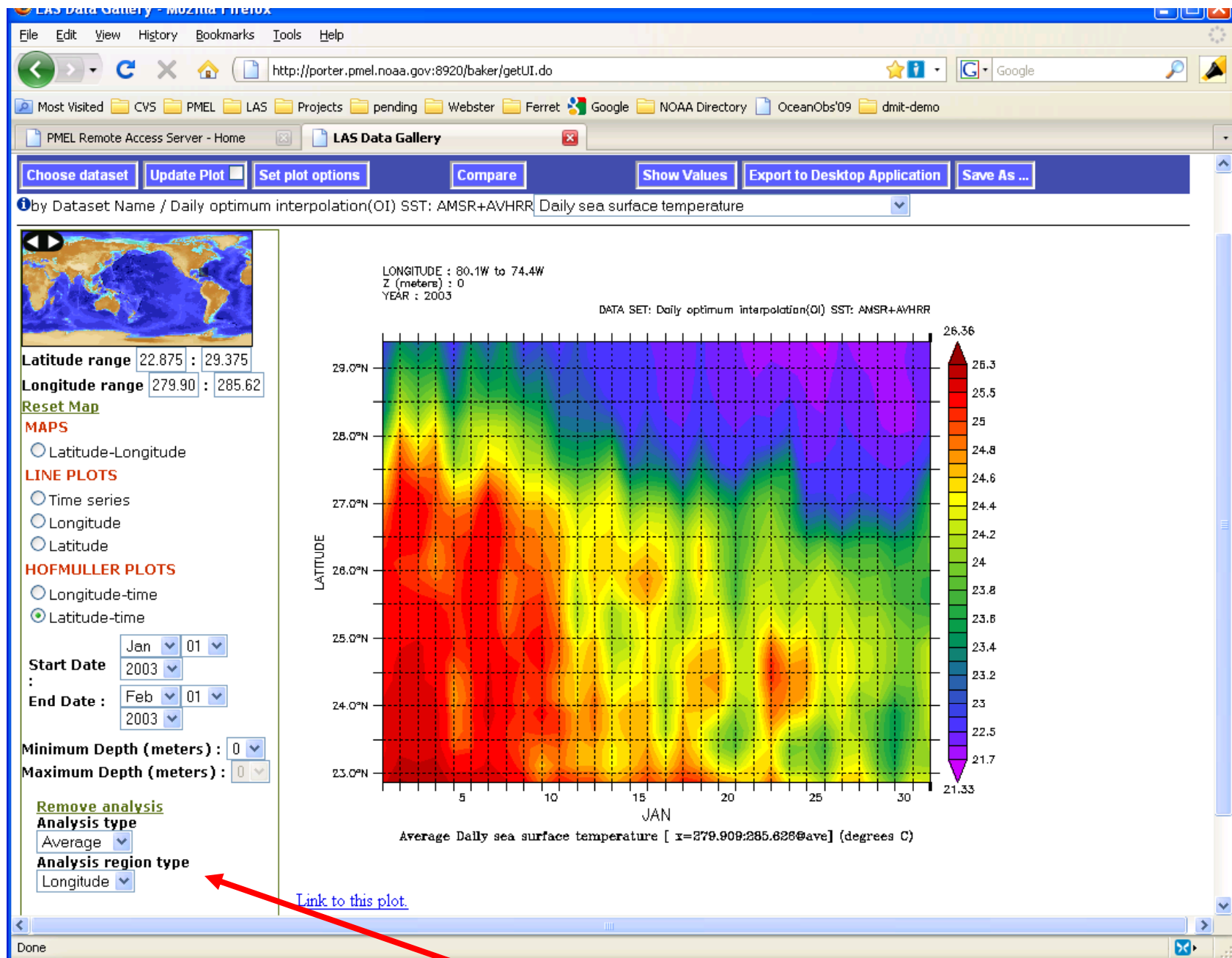


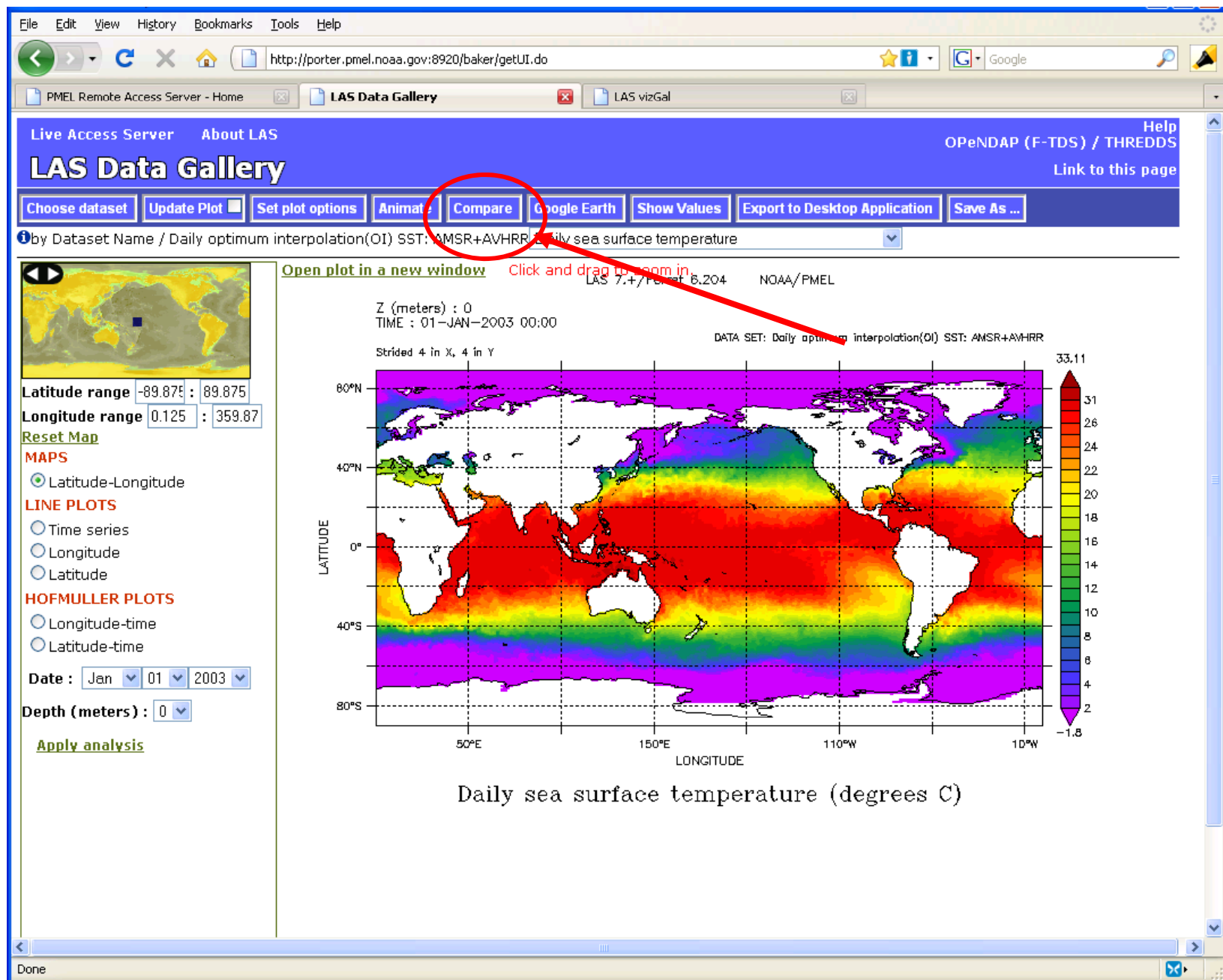


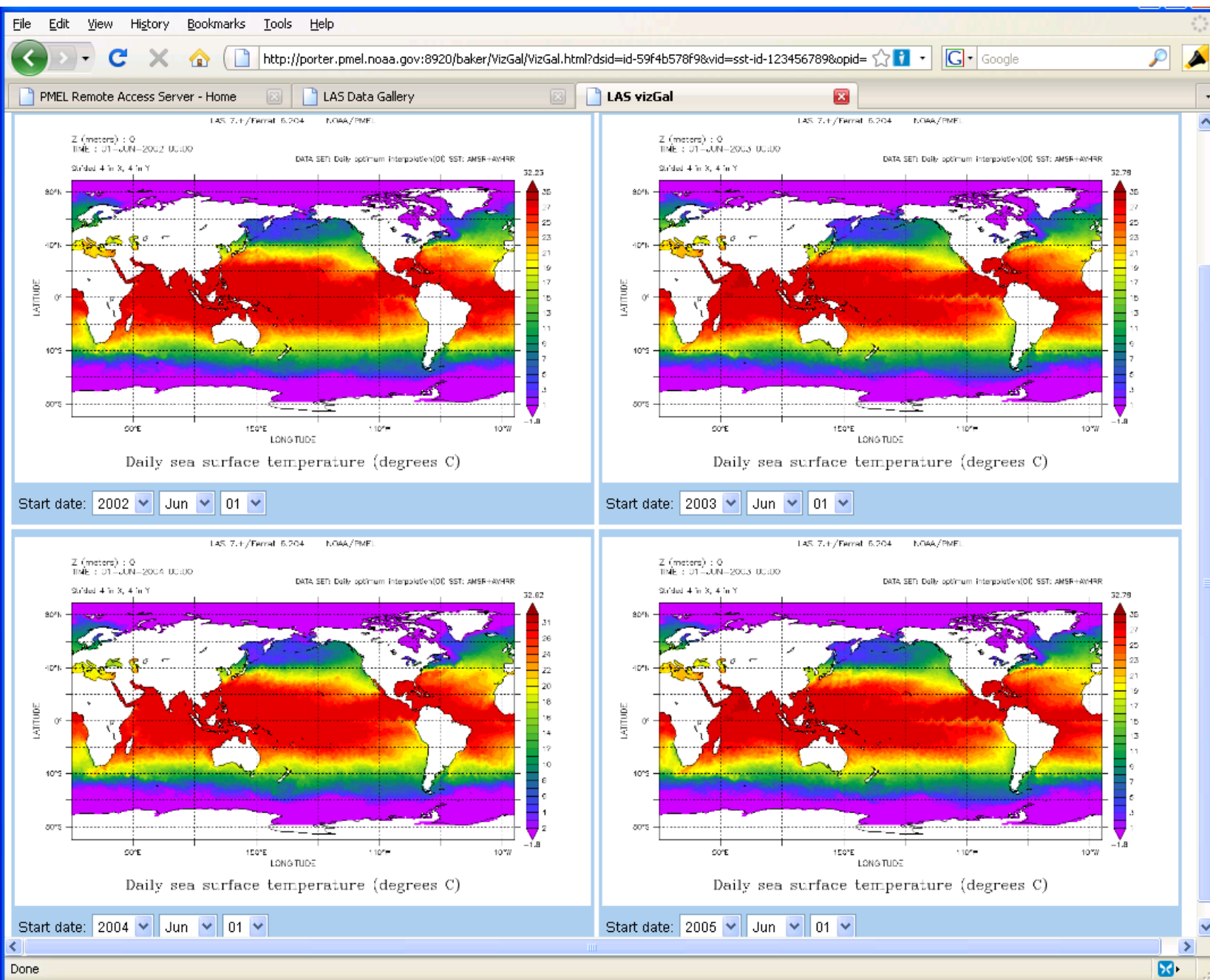




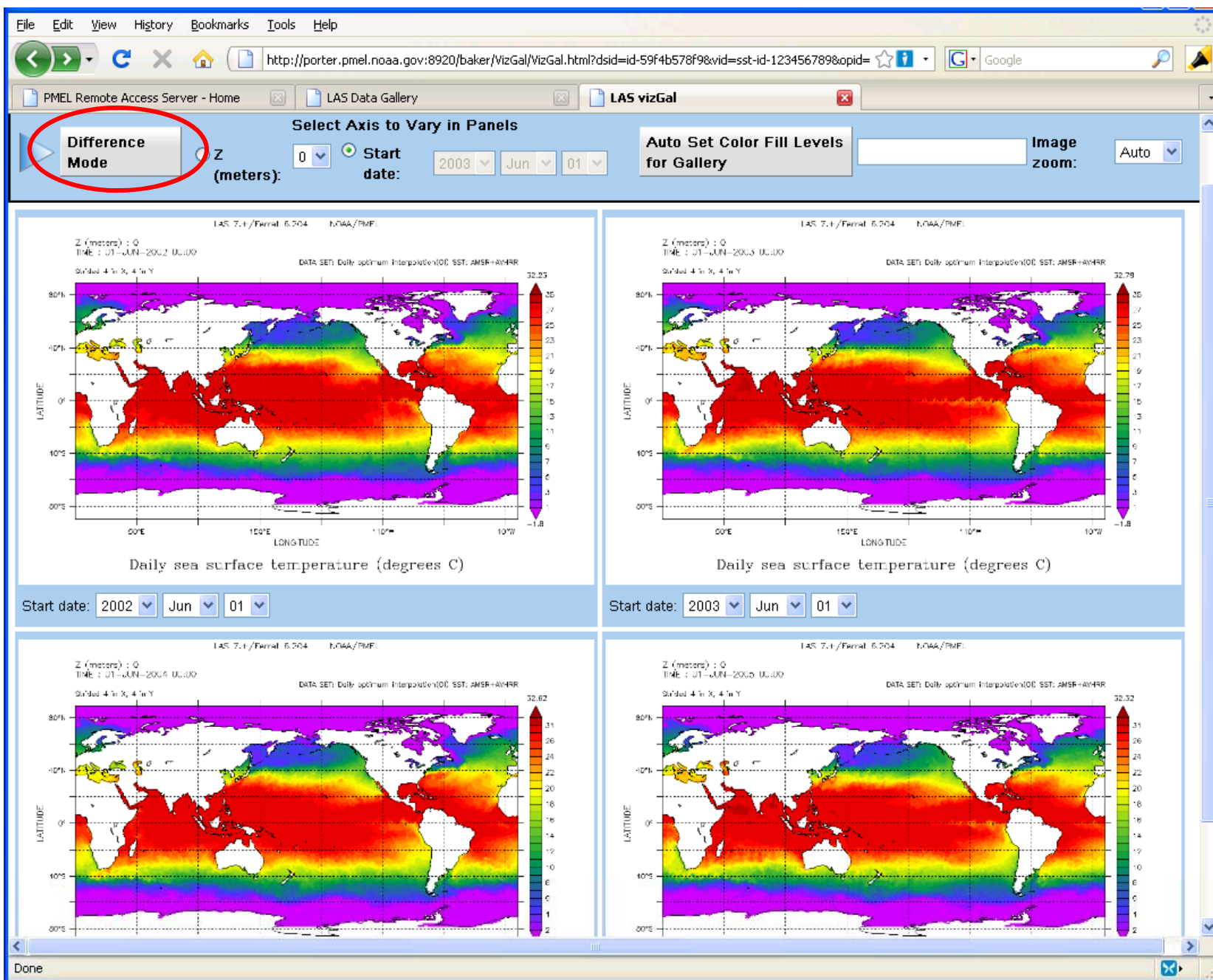


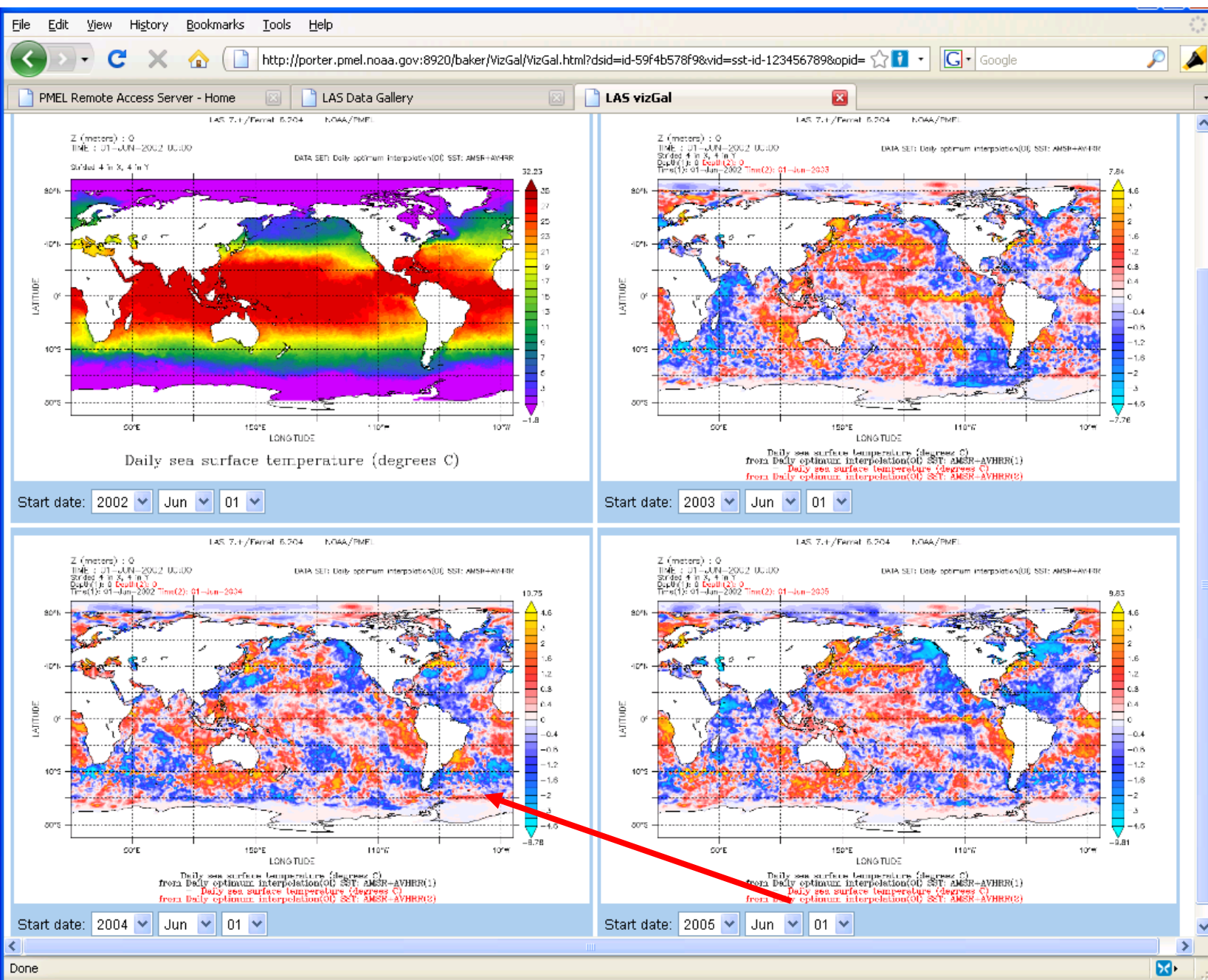








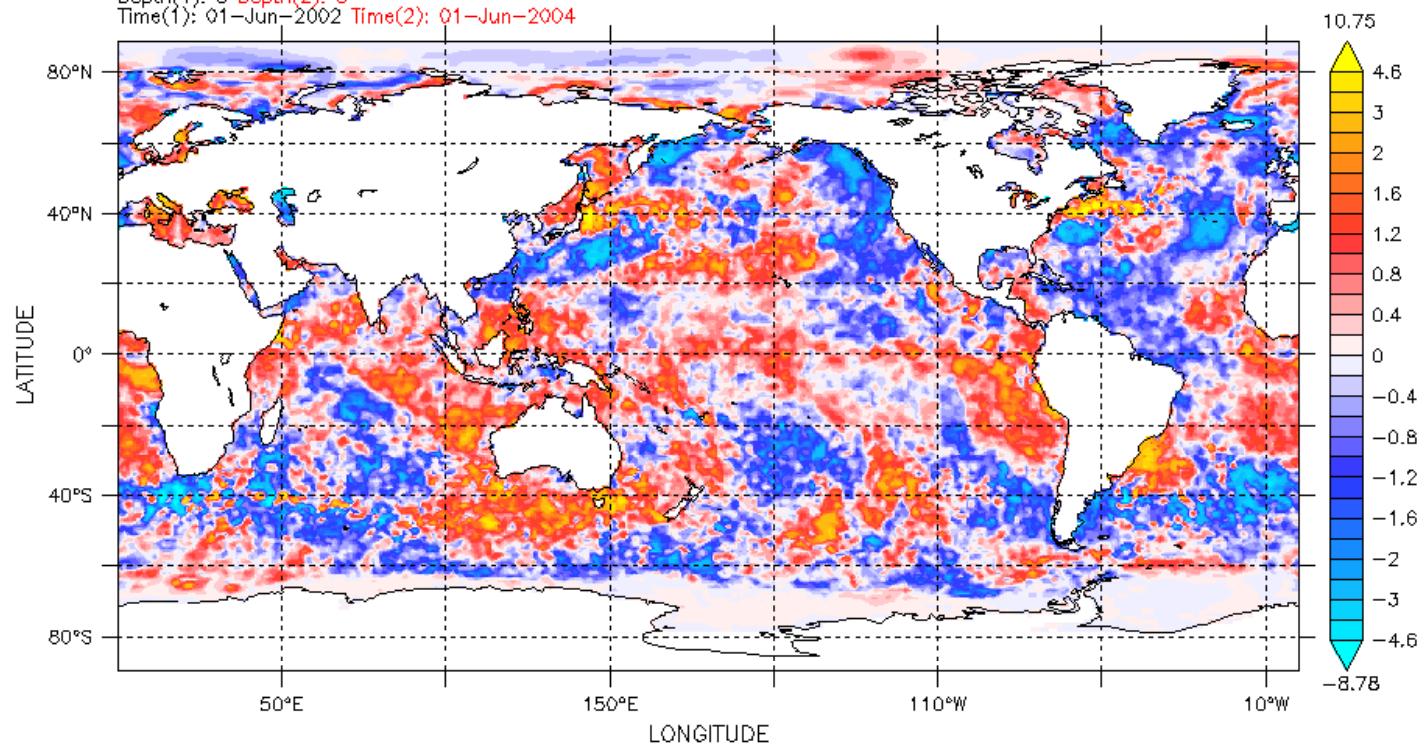




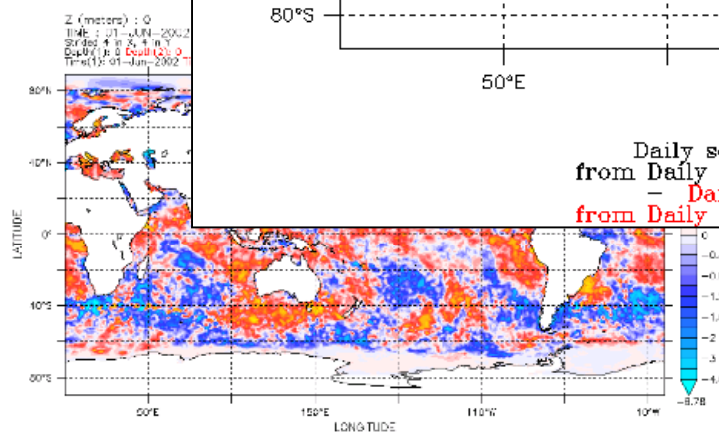


Z (meters) : 0  
TIME : 01-JUN-2002 00:00  
Strided 4 in X, 4 in Y  
Depth(1): 0 Depth(2): 0  
Time(1): 01-Jun-2002 Time(2): 01-Jun-2004

DATA SET: Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AMSR+AVHRR

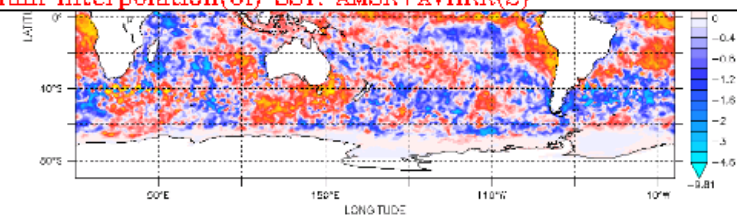


Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)  
from Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AMSR+AVHRR(1)  
- Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)  
from Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AMSR+AVHRR(2)



Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)  
from Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AMSR+AVHRR(1)  
- Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)  
from Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AMSR+AVHRR(2)

Start date: 2002 Jun 01

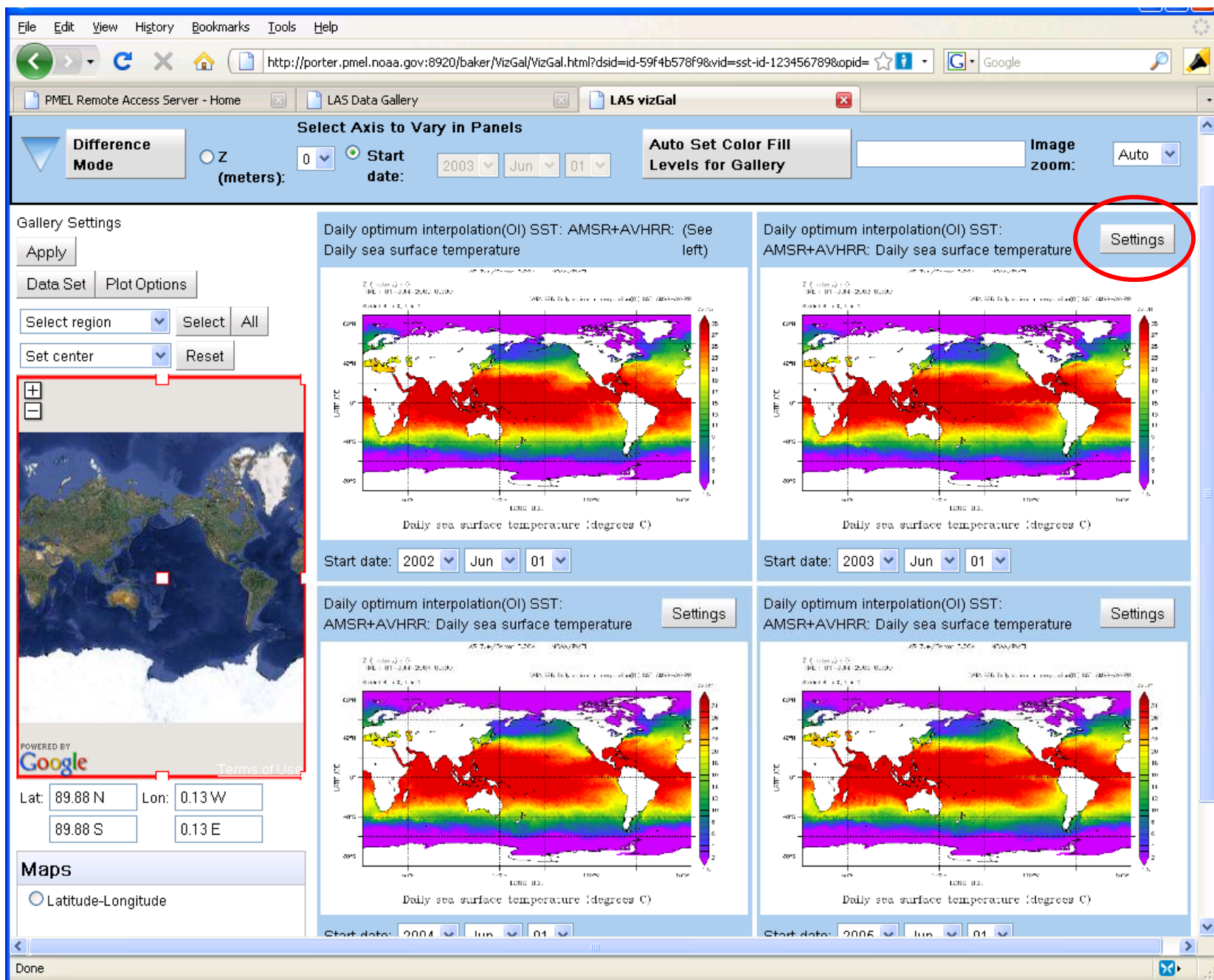


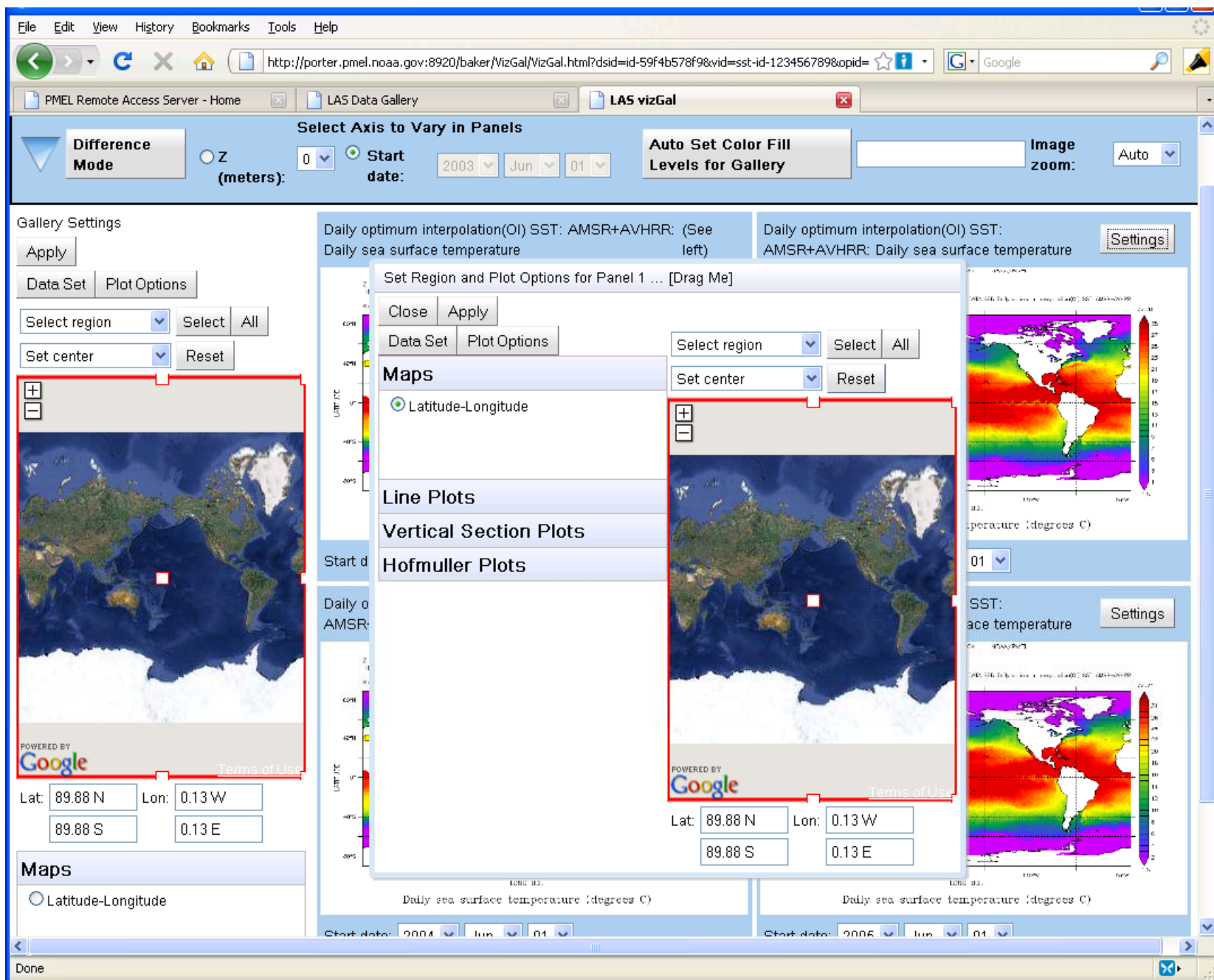
Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)  
from Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AMSR+AVHRR(1)  
- Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)  
from Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AMSR+AVHRR(2)

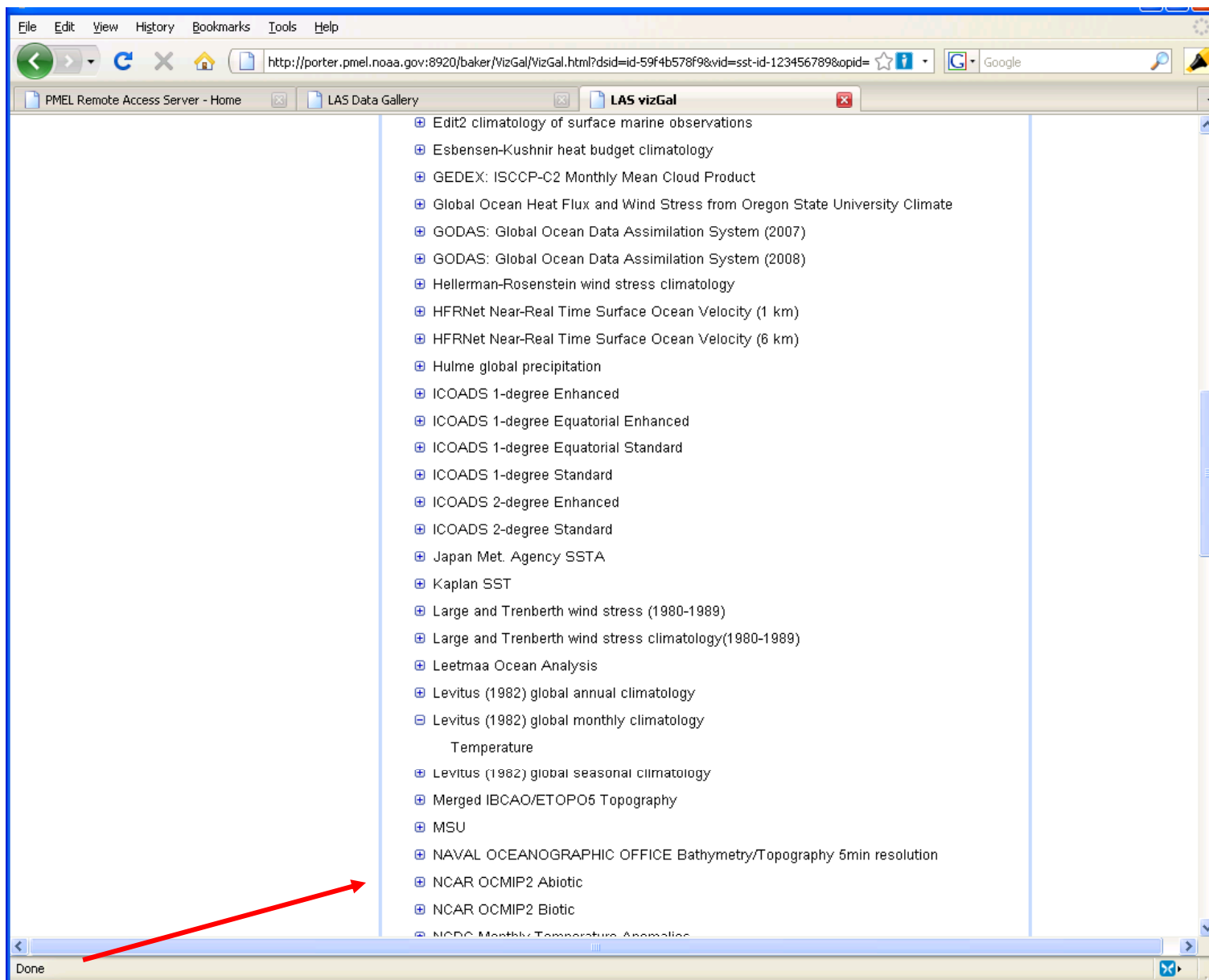
Start date: 2004 Jun 01

Done









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**Difference Mode** Z (meters): 0 Start date: 1985 Jan 04 Auto Set Color Fill Levels for Gallery Image zoom: Auto


Gallery Settings

Apply

Data Set Plot Options

Select region Select All

Set center Reset



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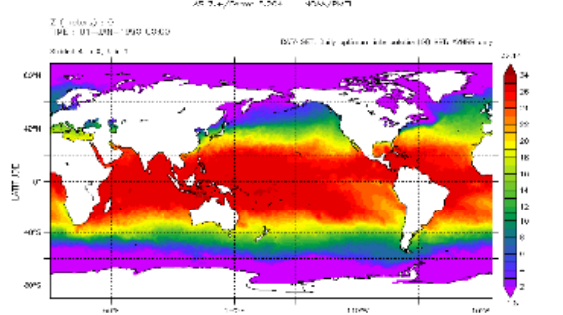
89.88 S 0.13 E

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Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AVHRR only: (See left)

Daily sea surface temperature

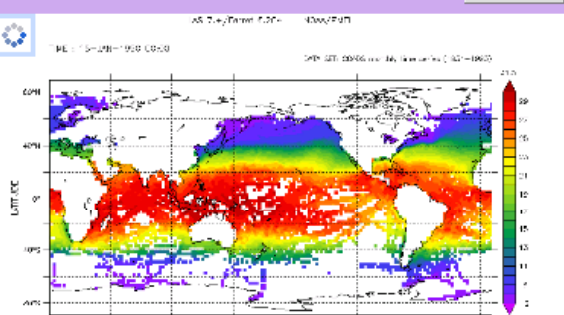


Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)

Start date: 1990 Jan 01

COADS monthly time series (1854-1993): Sea surface temperature

Settings Cancel Panel Settings

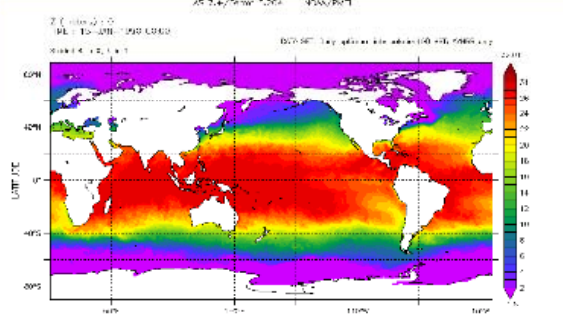


Sea surface temperature (deg C)

Start date: 1990 Jan

Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AVHRR only: Settings

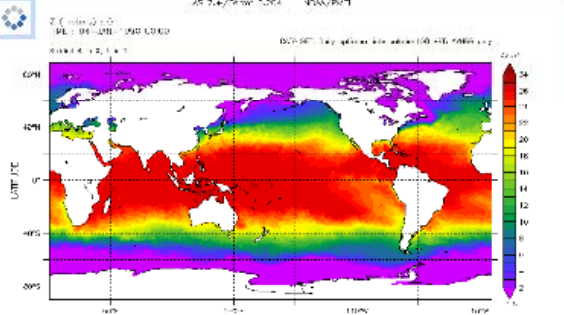
Daily sea surface temperature



Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)

Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AVHRR only: Settings

Daily sea surface temperature



Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)

Done



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Gallery Settings

Apply

Data Set Plot Options

Select region  All

Set center



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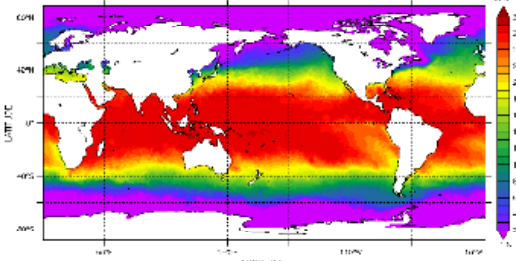
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Line Plots

Done

Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AVHRR only: (See left)

Daily sea surface temperature

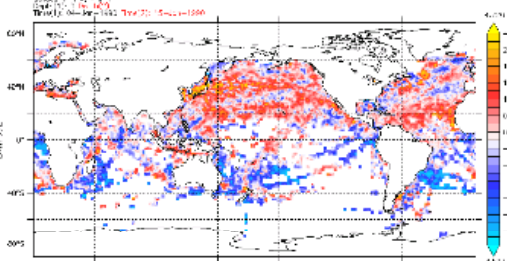


Daily sea surface temperature (degrees C)

Start date:

COADS monthly time series (1854-1993): Sea surface temperature

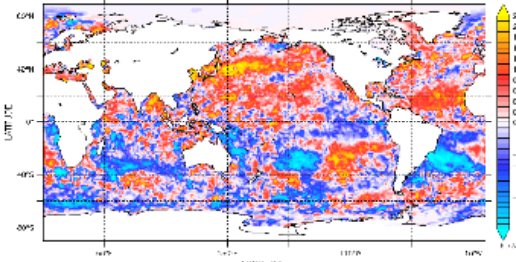
Settings Cancel Panel Settings



Start date:

Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AVHRR only: Settings

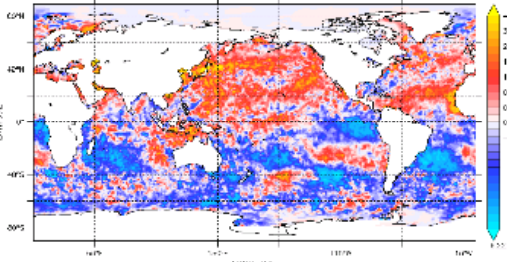
Daily sea surface temperature



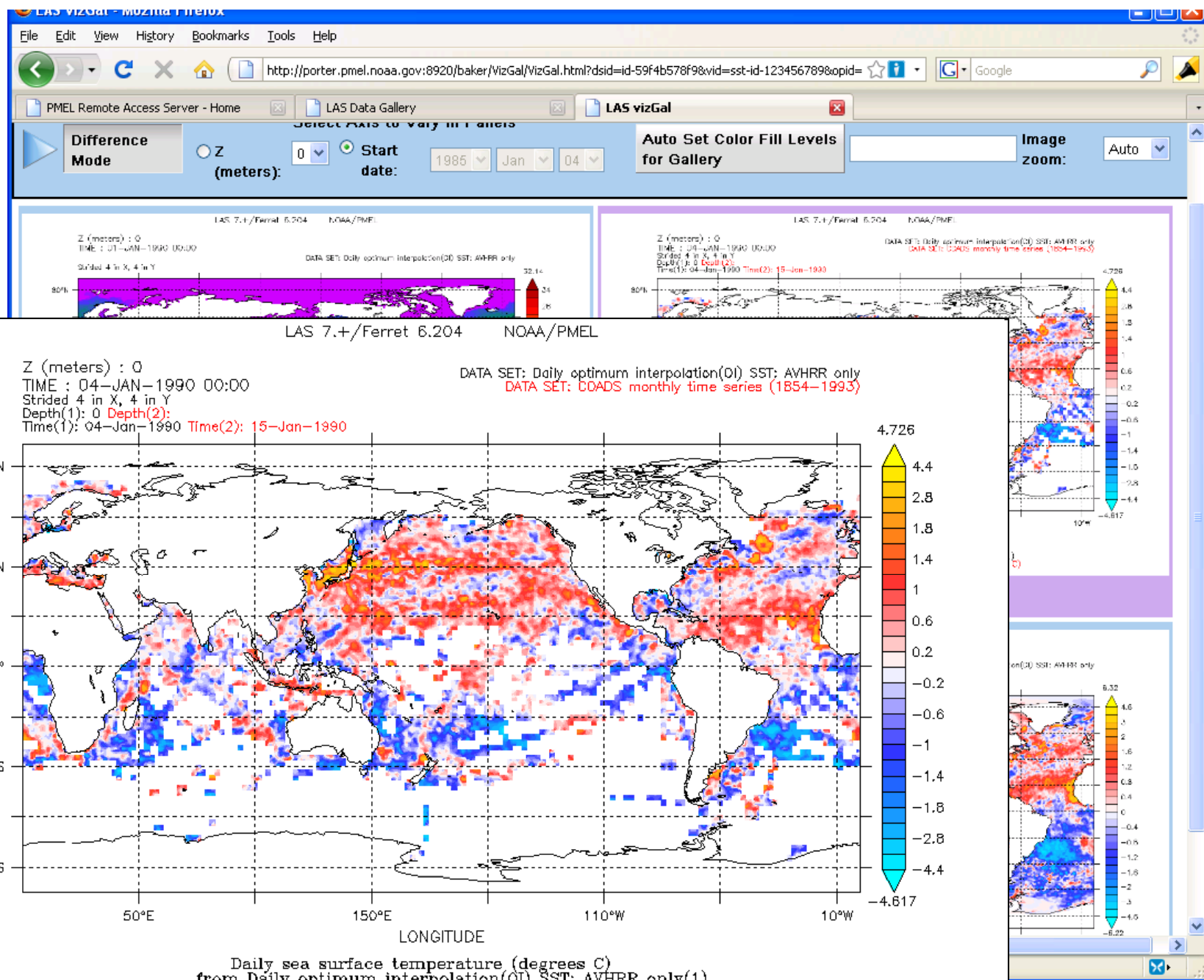
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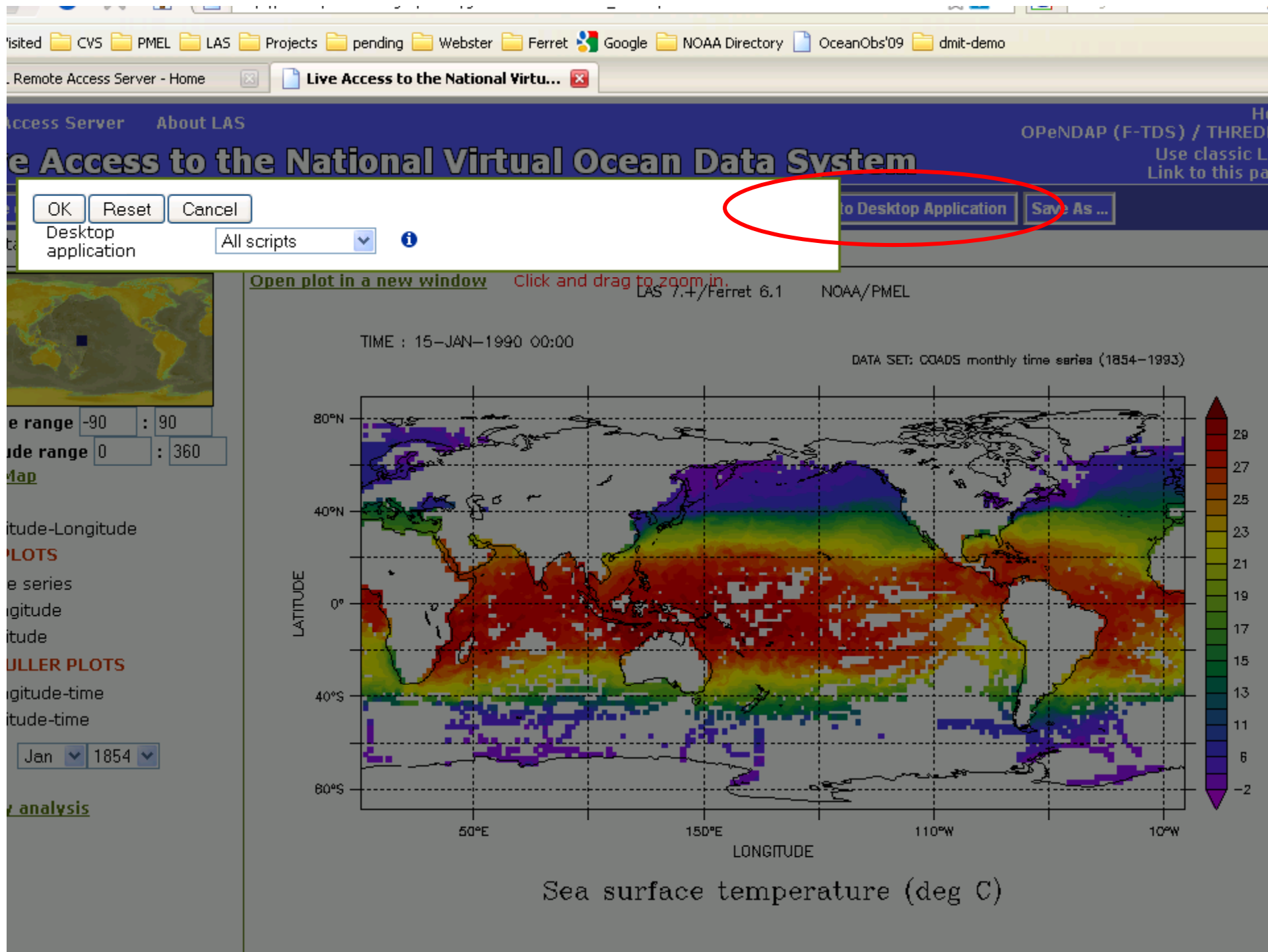
Daily optimum interpolation(OI) SST: AVHRR only: Settings

Daily sea surface temperature



Start date:





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/data\_ferret.pmel.noaa.gov\_thredds\_dodsC\_data\_PMEL\_COADS\_coads\_sst.cdf.jnl

These OPeNDAP links can be viewed in a browser to get more information about these data:

- [INFO](#) (Information)
- [DAS](#) (Data Attribute Structure)
- [DDS](#) (Data Description Structure)

The following commands can be used to open this OPeNDAP URL in the desktop application:

[Ferret:](#)

```
set data "http://ferret.pmel.noaa.gov/thredds/dodsC/NVODS/coads_time_series_1854_1993
/data_ferret.pmel.noaa.gov_thredds_dodsC_data_PMEL_COADS_coads_sst.cdf.jnl"

SET REGION/x="0": "360"/y="-90": "90"/t="15-Jan-1854 00:00:00": "15-Jan-1854 00:00:00"
```

[GrADS:](#)

```
sdfopen http://ferret.pmel.noaa.gov/thredds/dodsC/NVODS/coads_time_series_1854_1993
/data_ferret.pmel.noaa.gov_thredds_dodsC_data_PMEL_COADS_coads_sst.cdf.jnl
set t 1 1
set lat -90 90
set lon 0 360
```

[Matlab:](#)

```
% Region covered by this URL t=15-JAN-1854:15-JAN-1854 y=-89:89 x=1:359
loadadds(http://ferret.pmel.noaa.gov/thredds/dodsC/NVODS/coads_time_series_1854_1993
/data_ferret.pmel.noaa.gov_thredds_dodsC_data_PMEL_COADS_coads_sst.cdf.jnl?sst[1,1][1,90]
[1,180])
```

Done



Computer

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NOAA/PMEL TMAP
FERRET v6.204
Linux(g77) 2.4.21-32 - 07/10/09
12-Aug-09 20:26
```

```
yes? use "http://porter.pmel.noaa.gov:8920/thredds/dodsC/las/id-59f4b578f9/data_
nomads.ncdc.noaa.gov_thredds_dodsC_oisst_totalAmsrAgg.jnl"
```

```
yes? show data
```

currently SET data sets:

```
1> http://porter.pmel.noaa.gov:8920/thredds/dodsC/las/id=59f4b578f9/data_nom
ads.ncdc.noaa.gov_thredds_dodsC_oisst_totalAmsrAgg.jnl (default)
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name	title	I	J	K	L
SST	Daily sea surface temperature	1:1440	1:720	1:1	1:1310
ANOM	Daily sea surface temperature a	1:1440	1:720	1:1	1:1310
ERR	Estimated error standard deviat	1:1440	1:720	1:1	1:1310
ICE	Sea ice concentration	1:1440	1:720	1:1	1:1310

```
yes? shade/t=1-jan-2004 sst
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yes? shade/palette=light_centered sst[t=1-jan-2005] - sst[t=1-jan-2004]
```

yes? go land

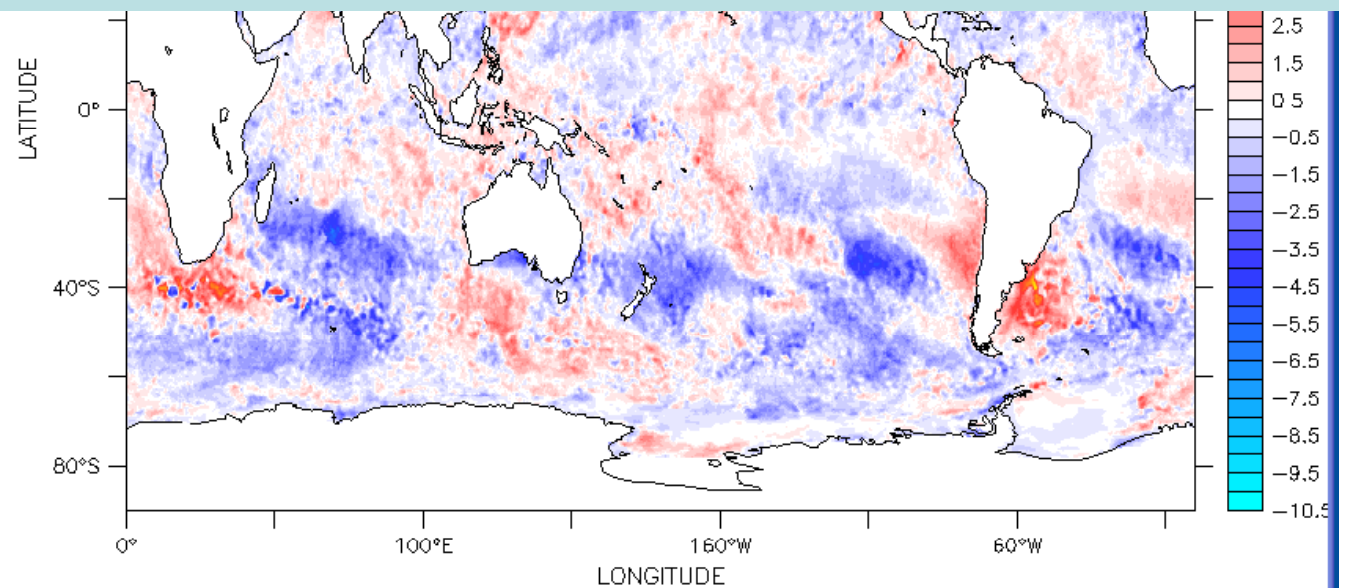
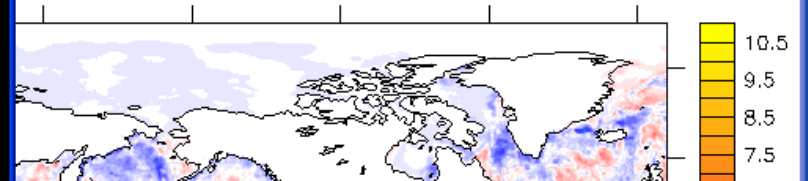
yes? 

```
use http://...
```

```
shade sst[t=i-jan-2005] - sst[t=1-jan-2004]
```

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[http://porter.pmel.noaa.gov:8920/thredds/dodsC/las/id-59f4b578f9/.ncdc.noaa.gov\\_thredds\\_dodsC\\_oisst\\_totalAmsrAgg.jnl](http://porter.pmel.noaa.gov:8920/thredds/dodsC/las/id-59f4b578f9/.ncdc.noaa.gov_thredds_dodsC_oisst_totalAmsrAgg.jnl)


$$\text{SST}[T=1-\text{JAN}-2005] - \text{SST}[T=1-\text{JAN}-2004]$$

# Time series collection

- A standard THREDDS collection of NetCDF-CF files (“1D grids”)

Note: In this example we will see a (nearly) standard LAS server, but through an experimental custom UI that Roland Schweitzer built with the Google Web Toolkit (GWT) in a matter of days.

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http://oceanwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov:8081/thredds/catalog/CI\_Anacapa/catalog.xml

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This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below.

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- <catalog version="1.0.1">
  <service name="ncdods" serviceType="OPENDAP" base="/thredds/dodsC"/>
  - <dataset name="Anacapa" ID="CI_Anacapa">
    <serviceName>ncdods</serviceName>
    - <metadata inherited="true">
      <serviceName>ncdods</serviceName>
    </metadata>
    - <dataset name="CI_Anacapa_AdmiralsReef.nc" ID="CI_Anacapa/CI_Anacapa_AdmiralsReef.nc" urlPath="CI_Anacapa/CI_Anacapa_AdmiralsReef.nc">
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    </dataset>
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    </dataset>
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    </dataset>
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    </dataset>
  </dataset>
</catalog>
```

Done

# For example:

To add this tree branch to LAS:

*bin/addXML.sh*

*-T:time\_series*

*-G "Channel Islands - Anacapa"*

*-t*

[http://oceanwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov:8081/thredds/catalog/CI\\_Anacapa/catalog.xml](http://oceanwatch.pfeg.noaa.gov:8081/thredds/catalog/CI_Anacapa/catalog.xml)

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# LAS Time Series

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## LAS Time Series Collection Interface

Select a time series collection:

Select a marker on the map:

Reset Map

Map Satellite Hybrid

Channel Island - Anacapa

Channel Island - Anacapa

Channel Islands

Channel Islands - Marker Location Contains 'Camp'

Channel Islands - Marker Location Contains 'Cove'

Channel Islands - Marker Location Contains 'Reef'

Channel Islands - San Clemente

Channel Islands - San Miguel

Channel Islands - Santa Barbara

Channel Islands - Santa Cruz

Channel Islands - Santa Rosa

USGS Coastal and Marine Program Time Series Data - Myrtle Beach

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## LAS Time Series Collection Interface

Select a time series collection: Channel Island - Anacapa

Select a marker on the map:

Reset Map

Map Satellite Hybrid

Sea Temperature (Channel Islands, Anacapa, Keyhole)  
Location: (34, -119.4167)  
☒ Sea Temperature

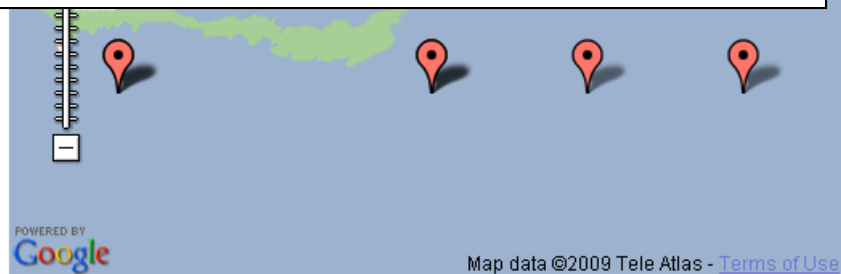
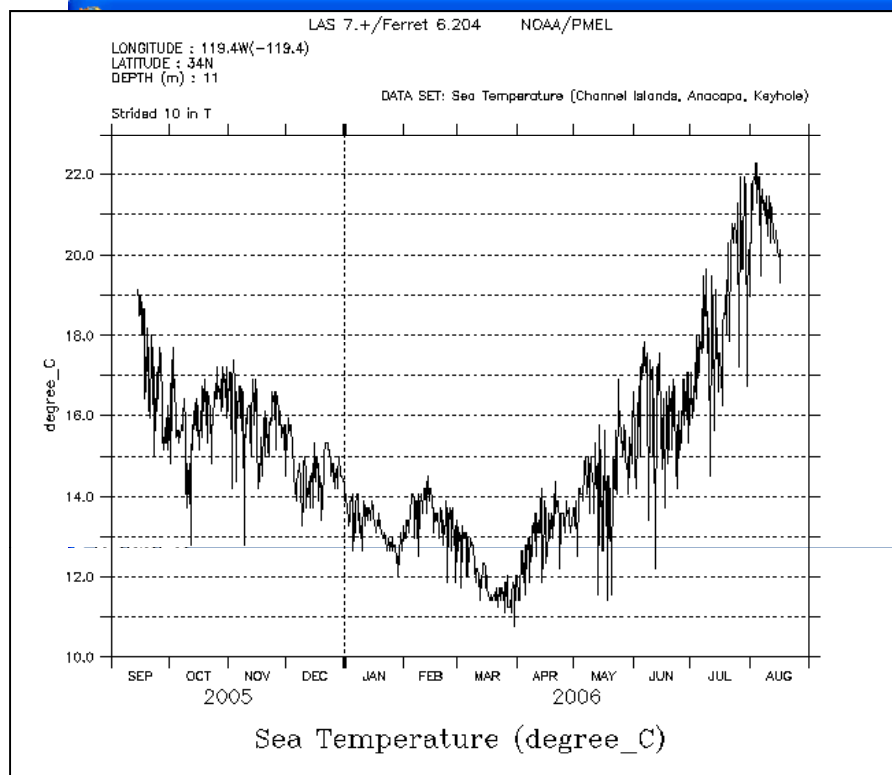
Plot Plot Options

Start date/Time: 2005 Sep 14 21:59  
End date/Time: 2006 Aug 17 00:00

Depth (m): 11

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Location: Channel Island - Anacapa

Depth: Sea Temperature (Channel Islands, Anacapa, Keyhole)  
Location: (34, -119.4167)  
☒ Sea Temperature

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Start date/Time: 2005 Sep 14 21:59  
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# LAS Time Series

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## LAS Time Series Collection Interface

Select a time series collection: Channel Island - Anacapa

Select a marker on the map:

Reset Map

Map Satellite Hybrid

Sea Temperature (Channel Islands, Anacapa, Keyhole)  
Location: (34, -119.4167)  
☒ Sea Temperature

Plot Plot Options

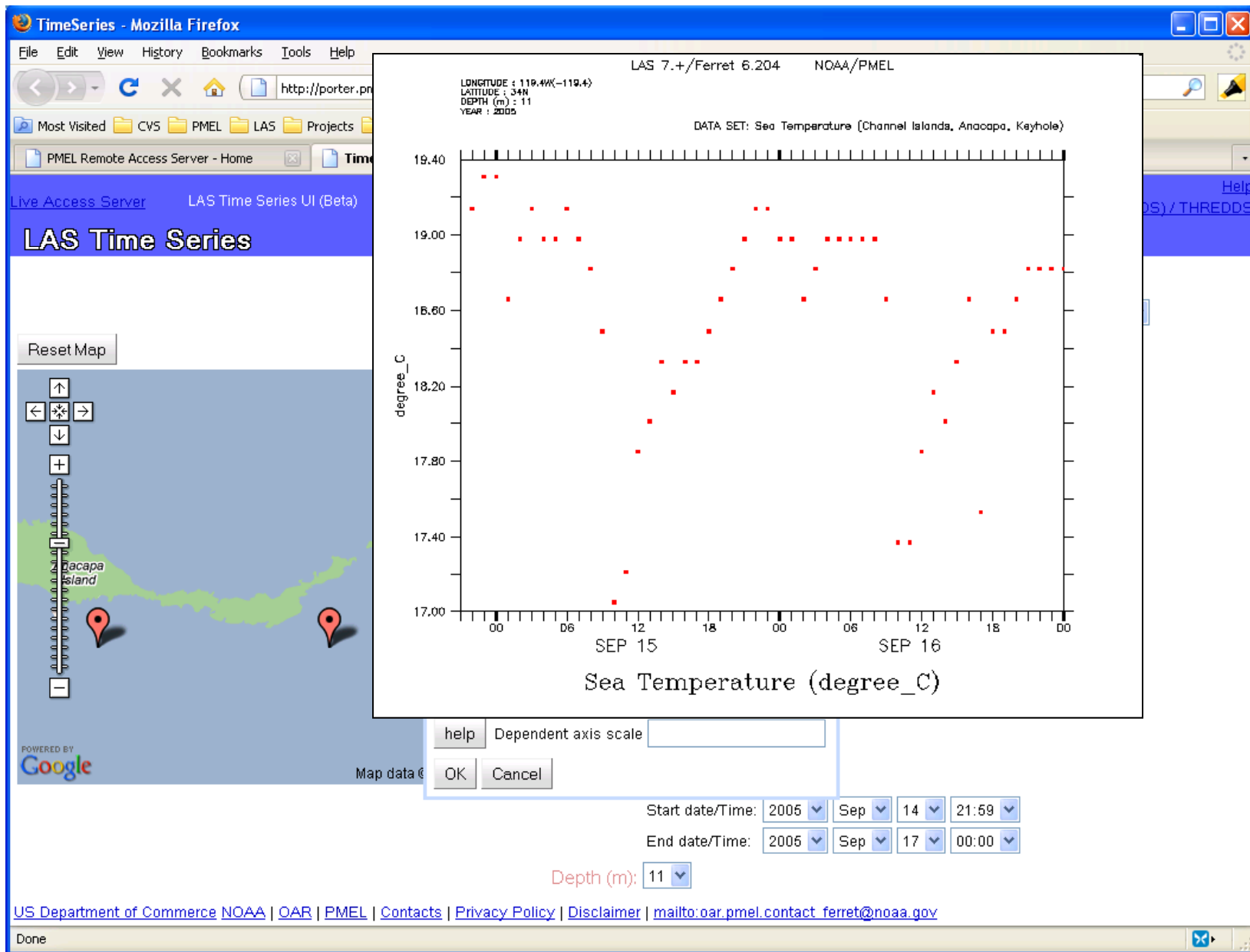
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# Conclusions

1. A wealth of gridded datasets already available through OPeNDAP
  - “Repairs” are fairly easy to make using NcML (and other techniques)
2. Web and desktop tools already exist that can effectively “integrate” and present the data
  - A rich tool-building environment makes it quick to develop new ones
3. Data discovery and metadata management machinery can leverage the wealth of information available through THREDDS catalogs and self-describing datasets